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RESIDENTS HEAR GOOD NEWS...

Cowbridge will be base for four Vale ambulances

by JAYNE ISAAC

THERE will be ambulance stations in both Cowbridge and Llantwit Major from November – that was the good news to emerge from a public meeting to discuss the ambulance service in the western Vale, which was called by Coun Gwyn John of Llantwit First Independents.

The meeting was chaired by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, and she welcomed local residents who have concerns about the quality of service in the rural Vale.

The meeting heard that Cowbridge will be the base for all four ambulances in the rural Vale, including the one crew on duty after 2am.

It was due to have been addressed by Gordon Roberts, regional director for south-east Wales, but he pulled out because of other commitments. Instead, Gareth Davies, regional production manager, was present.

Mr Davies told the meeting that the existing Llantwit ambulance station does not meet health and safety requirements and the only ambulances based there at present are patient carriers.

However, he said from next month, there will be a front line ambulance and crew based at the station.

Although the vehicle will be garaged in Cowbridge, because the garage in Llantwit is not big enough, and the crew will clock on at Cowbridge, they will then transfer to Llantwit. They will return to the station in between calls.

He added that plans to transfer the Llantwit ambulance station to the same site as the fire station were still on the cards, but some issues need to be resolved.

The news about Llantwit station was welcomed by residents but it was agreed that the arrangement will be monitored and a further meeting held in January.

Coun John said it was accepted that the ambulances based in the town would not be sitting at the station waiting for calls, but would generally be out and about dealing with emergencies.

"We were told that they will return to Llantwit in between shouts. I was pleased to have that assurance. They are doing something at last," he commented.

Jane Hutt AM was also pleased with this development: "While there have been further examples of unacceptable delays reported by local residents, the meeting welcomed the news that more staff have been recruited to the ambulance service in the area and that the station would re-open," she said.

Mr Davies told the meeting that response times were improving across south-east Wales, with the September figures exceeding the government target of 60 per cent of Category A calls to be responded to within eight minutes. In fact, the service hit 67 per cent.

Seventeen new paramedics have been appointed and the lion's share of these have gone to Cardiff and the Vale. Training of new recruits starts in January to further increase staffing levels.

Mr Davies also revealed that a new communications system is coming into effect in the Vale from November 10. This system will accurately determine the availability of ambulances and their whereabouts. It will enable crews to be sent to their nearest call when they become available after dealing with a previous emergency.

First Responders also gave some examples of the many problems faced by the ambulance service personnel and said that much time was wasted on trivial calls. They said there was a need to educate the public about when to dial 999.

They also stated that people who have called the ambulance at night should make their homes more visible to help crews locate it – by switching on lights so that it stands out.

MAN UTD SEND LYNNE ON SAHARA TREK WITH HER FOOTBALL HEROES

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT'S a tough life being a Manchester United fan.

You wait years for a season ticket...

It costs an arm and a leg when you get one...

And then the club sends you off to trek for a week through the Sahara – with only former United stars Dennis Irwin and Andy Ritchie for company.

You could imagine Sir Alex wanting to send referees – and maybe Radio Five's Alan Green – out to wander in the desert, but not fans of the team!

However, Lynne Duance of Cowbridge couldn't be more thrilled – and she is putting on her backpack and walking for six hours a day over the Merthyr Mawr sand dunes in preparation.

The walk is in aid of Manchester United's charitable foundation, which supports a number of worthy causes, including The Children's Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, and an appeal to build a children's hospital in Manchester.

Lynne told The GEM how she got involved: She said: "I was listening to the Eamonn Holmes show on Radio Five on a Sunday morning.

"Dennis Irwin was the guest and he explained that they were looking for 25 fans to accompany him on the charity trek, so I applied."

Now, it is best at this point to point out that Lynne is not one of those 'Johnny come lately' glory-hunting Man Utd fans who lives hundreds of miles from Manchester.

She moved to Cowbridge 12 years ago, and is Lancashire through and through. In fact, her first football team was Accrington Stanley – until that club went spectacularly bust in the 1960s.

She transferred her affections to Old Trafford, and has been with them through good times and bad.

However, it was only two years ago, when the stadium was expanded, that she managed to get a season ticket.

She said: "Before that, there wasn't even a waiting list."

People seem to love or hate the club, but even the most virulent of Man U's critics would admit that the club is totally professional in the way it is run – and this charity trek is no exception.

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ABOVE:
Lynne Duance is joining former Manchester United stars for a trek across the Sahara.

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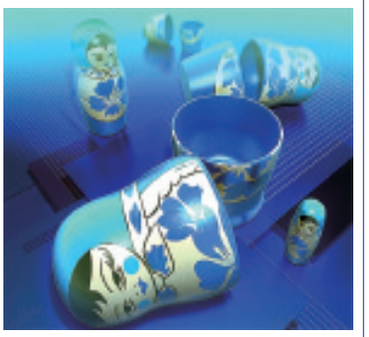

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Forum at the Assembly

THE Vale of Glamorgan Older People's Strategy Forum members would like to thank Jane Hutt AM for inviting them along to the Welsh Assembly to hear the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan's question time.

We were also able to listen to the Deputy Minister, Gwenda Thomas, give a presentation on the strategy for older people annual report. We listened to the debate and welcomed the news that our funding will be safe for 2010-2011.

The forum was set-up five years ago by the Welsh Assembly, and has been going from strength-to-strength. We now have more than 600 members and we hold a coffee morning and information day to keep our members informed.

All members receive a copy of our magazine 'The Herald' three times a year. If anyone would like more information or wishes to become a member, please get in touch with the office on 01446 704851.

Michael Edwards, chairman; Rene Gannon, vice-chairperson; Winnie Davies, executive member, (Vale of Glamorgan Older People's Strategy Forum)

Samaritans' fundraisers

WE would like to say very many thanks to Rainbow Plaza for allowing us to set up our Samaritans Volunteer Awareness Stall recently.

Apart from gaining some much-needed Samaritan 'listeners', we also raised £60!

Our next fundraising event will be our Halloween table top sale on October 31, at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, with tricks, treats and tasty Welsh cakes.

Anyone who would like to have a table, can call 01446 796471. We would also be grateful if someone could come and facepaint for us.

We are now the only fundraising group in the Vale who directly support Bridgend, and all money raised goes towards keeping the phone lines open at Bridgend for Christmas.

We would like to thank everyone who supports us.

Julie (Llantwit Major Friends of the Bridgend Samaritans)

Two rescuers are thanked

I RECENTLY fell heavily on Dobbins Road, Cadoxton, and two ladies came and pulled me to my feet.

I would like to thank them, through your newspaper, for their help and kindness. The young lady, although only yards from her home, put me in her car and brought me home and waited until I was safely inside. I am very grateful.

Mrs Doreen M Hyman, Barry

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Show some imagination on the Barry Waterfront

I READ last week's article in The GEM headed 'Waterfront opportunity must not be missed', by Tim Chapman – I am afraid it may already be too late.

Seeing the development of the town over seven decades, I have watched with a heavy heart some of the changes. For example, the first attempt at the redevelopment of the King's Square and the early attempts at building flats in various areas of the town, both rapidly becoming, a sight for sore eyes.

When the docks area was first mooted for development, I knew people who waited eagerly, seeing the area as an attractive place to live.

Their anticipation was soon turned to disappointment on seeing the plain design and small living areas, some with no access to balconies to make the most of their surroundings.

If the planning people have any input into what is finally to be built, please, please raise the bar. Use some imagination.

Cardiff eventually began to build designs that were different, various shapes and colours and finishes. Do we really want or need all these flats? Are the 2,000 new homes to be designed as before?

If we really want to make the area a landmark for the local people and visitors to enjoy, give us something different – not a site crammed with average buildings. This opportunity will not come again. Give us something we can be proud of.

June Mills, Barry

Cavalier drivers are the problem

I BEG to differ with Andrew Campbell in thinking the traffic lights on the Llantwit Major by-pass are confusing. What I do find confusing is the cavalier attitude of some drivers who think that amber means GO and red means stop – but only if there is a vehicle in the way.

Twice recently I saw red traffic lights ignored both in Boverton and at the Llanmaes junction

Perhaps if cameras were used to catch light-jumpers, the problem could be eased.

Derek Willetts, Llantwit Major

Ripped up newspaper

Witnessing a trades union leader tearing up a newspaper to cheers and applause at the Labour Party conference, was both alarming and reminiscent of a time in the Thirties when similar scenes led to the burning of newspapers and books with which a certain overseas party disagreed

I have never read the newspaper concerned, but I thought that freedom of the Press was a basic tenet of our democracy. Perhaps I was wrong and it's not just the lightbulbs which may be turned off after the next election.

Christopher Short, Barry

Pick of the best?

THE GEM seems to be over-excited by the fact that the Labour Party has chosen its parliamentary candidate from a women-only list.

I am sufficiently experienced in the Vale's Conservative Party to know that since the death of Sir Raymond Gower, they select men who are not the best candidates.

I congratulate Alana Davies on her very fine letter (October 8) supporting the St Athan Defence Technical College against uninformed opposition.

Roger Everest, Talygarn

Roads in need of urgent repair

EACH week, The GEM keeps us informed of the roadworks in the Vale and this information is quite useful.

Looking at the state of the roads in the Vale, it would, perhaps, be a useful addition if the paper could include in a separate report, those roads – major and minor – where the conditions of the roads is considered to be in need of urgent repair because the official, whose responsibility it is, fails to identify many dangerous situations – and the yellow marker lines, which are an indicator to sub contractors, are blatantly missing.

Having recently driven the length and breadth of Wales, England, Scotland, I have formed the view that the roads in our area are in an appalling condition compared with elsewhere.

In many cases, they are in a dangerous state of repair and likely to cause injury to pedestrians, animals and the vehicles which use them.

My local thoroughfare has not been repaired for many years and does not seem to exist in the eyes of the local highways inspector. There are many potholes, some of which are wide and deep.

I feel sure there are many residents in the Vale who will share my concerns. Perhaps future editions of The GEM can spur some meaningful action from the local authority.

TP Varley, Craig Penllyne

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 22)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
15 Thur	04.58	13.3	17.29	13.9
16 Fri	05.56	14.1	18.22	14.6
17 Sat	06.52	14.6	19.01	14.9
18 Sun	07.26	14.9	19.51	15.0
19 Mon	08.04	14.9	20.31	14.9
20 Tues	08.52	14.9	21.09	14.7
21 Wed	09.22	14.6	21.46	14.3
22 Thur	09.59	14.1	22.13	13.6

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To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Drop in Mon-Fri (not Weds) 9.30am - 11.30am (Wed 4-6pm); at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road 9.30am - 11.30am Mon and Fri. Telephone advice 0845 120 3756. *Further information www.adviceguide.org.uk*

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Twt Park access request is turned down by council

AN application from a resident of one of the new units developed as part of the old Cowbridge Grammar School, to drive his car along the access to Twt Park, has been refused.

Mr D Morgan attended a meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee to argue his case to be allowed access to the house, which is at the back of the old school.

A report was given to the full council arising from what was said at the committee. Coun Jon Harris said that Mr Morgan had explained that his wife was ill and they need to get a vehicle to the property.

They also pointed out that access is allowed through the park for vehicles travelling to another house, occupied by Rev Norman Williams.

Coun Harris said that he made some notes following the meeting and put forward his own views. He said: "The town council bought the land to make a safe place for small children to play away from traffic. It is used by many children every week because of its safety.

"When it was purchased by the council, the other house mentioned by Mr Morgan was already there and limited access was agreed.

"There's a signed deed giving him access for 99 years."

Coun Harris said that Mr Morgan made the point that the school had used the access for deliveries and to reach the boiler house.

"The contractors who were working on the old school and using the access have now finished, so that use is ended and the school use will end when they move to the new site next year.

"Mr Morgan has been given designated parking within the development at the front of his premises. The original planning document for the development there stipulated no access to Twt Park.

"We also wrote to Centre Great, saying that there was to be no vehicular access to properties in the development from Twt Park, so we are fire proof on that.

"In my view, his redress is with the developer and not the council. If we are going to keep Twt Park safe for children, his proposal is a non-starter.

"We also have to look at precedent, insurance and traffic. These are my views."

Coun Marian Arnold said that when the Rev Williams was first allowed access to the existing house, there was only one car involved.

She went on: "But this is not just for one vehicle. If Mrs Morgan is taken ill, there will be more than one vehicle going that way."

She pointed out that if cars were permitted, there was nowhere to turn and they would have to either reverse in or out.

She said~: "A lot of people have come to me to express concern if we give him permission."

Coun Dave Morris proposed that the application was turned down. He said: "In the planning of this complex, it was made perfectly clear that there would be no access.

"He has been treated fairly. Emergency vehicles are a different matter. We should stick by the planning and take it no further."

Coun Nicola Thomas said that Mr Morgan had been very concerned about the health of his wife. She said: "It struck me during his presentation that he was saying that vehicles are going to Norman Williams, so why not to me. He mentioned gardeners and window cleaners."

Coun Geoff Cox said that the council should decide whether or not the points he was making were reasonable. He observed: "He is talking about one movement in and out per day. If there was a trial period, we could see if there was a problem."

Coun Morris said if the council went down that road, why bother to put on planning conditions in the first place?

"It was made clear that there would be no access to that building and that was approved by the Vale Council. If we start making concessions, what's the point of having restrictions?"

Coun Jon Harris asked how the council would monitor the trial period. "Will somebody stand there and count the cars going in?" he asked.

Coun Sue Cox supported the idea of a trial period. She said: "We all use the park a lot. We can make up our minds after, but we will have been equitable."

However, the proposal to give permission for a trial period was defeated by eight votes to three, and members then voted to keep the ban on traffic.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan Primary School news

MEMBERS of the school's PTA organised a table top sale to coincide with the monthly cake stall.

This proved extremely popular with the children and parents. The £5 charge for the tables went into the school funds.

During the same week, a book fair was held in the school. This is a twice-yearly event which enables the children to buy from a good selection of books.

Year-6 children attended an 'It's a Knockout' competition which was organised by the police. They won their round against other schools and are due to return to the final next week.

St Mary Hill Church 100 Club

WINNERS of the autumn draw were: Richard Magness, Mrs Groom, A Howells, Pam Salmon and Elizabeth Grabham.

The next draw will take place in December.

Warning notice

NOTICES have been put in place on the Ruthin to Pencoed Road on the northern side of the motorway bridge.

A fine of £100 will be handed out to anyone found depositing litter on the road or grass verge.

Lynne's charity trip to the Sahara with two football greats

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Lynne had to pass a tough physical test at the team's Carrington training facility – with the first team fitness coach flogging them to weed out anyone who might find the trek too much.

Lynne is the only female fan making the trip, but there are three other women, who are all Old Trafford employees.

Lynne said: "It was a real thrill to spend time at the training centre.

"The club's own TV channel (MUTV) will be filming the trek, and when we get back, we have been promised that we will be introduced to a home crowd at half-time in a match."

Lynne hopes that this could take place when United play Everton, shortly after the trek ends.

As far her fitness training goes, Lynne is a regular at Cowbridge Leisure Centre's circuit training classes (run by Mike and Rose) so she has not started from scratch.

She has, however, had to change the emphasis from running to walking. It means that her dog (whose name is Busby!) is getting plenty of exercise as well.

Lynne has to raise £3,200 in sponsorship, and is well on her way, having recently passed the £2,150 mark. The trip, which lasts from November 13 to November 20, will involve walking around 100 miles in total, over terrain that will change from sand to rocky scrubland.

She will be increasing her training over Merthyr Mawr dunes in the next few weeks. It has always been a popular place for athletes to hone their training regime. Steve Ovett did so when he was at the height of his powers.

Who knows, Lynne might even see referee Alan Wiley there trying to lose some weight!

To sponsor Lynne, visit www.justgiving.com/Lynnesaharatrek

Interact club planning for charity walk

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School Interact Club are a group of sixth form students who support local and international charities.

Last Saturday, approximately 12 students endured the cold and rain to stand on Cowbridge High Street and collect money for Shelterbox, an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide.

Each box supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless (www.shelterbox.org).

We felt this cause was especially important following the recent earthquakes in Indonesia. Residents of Cowbridge gave generously and Interact would like to thank them for helping us to raise £277.41.

The Rotary Club of Cowbridge has offered to donate the additional money needed so that a Shelterbox can be bought in our name.

Our fundraising is set to continue, starting with a sponsored walk for a local charity raising awareness and money for research into Duchenne's muscular dystrophy.

If you would like more information, or would like to donate, feel free to email us at 2003bisson.elspeth@cowbridge-comprehensiveschool.co.uk

ELSPETH BISSON

Police appeal after thefts from town cars

POLICE in Cowbridge are investigating two thefts from cars in the town on Sunday, October 4 between 2pm-5pm.

One car, a Peugeot 206, was broken into on North Road and the other, a blue Vauxhall Astra in the cattle market car park.

Officers are seeking a man in his early 20s, wearing a blue and light brown, striped hooded top, who was seen running down North Road.

They are also investigating the possibility that a silver Audi A3, responsible for a fail to stop road traffic collision on the High Street, may also be linked to the offences.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Jamie Williamson at Llantwit Major police station on 101; or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 9800 555 111.

Pendoylan is to unveil £3.5m plan

PLANS for a redevelopment of Pendoylan Primary School - at a cost of more than £3.5 million - are expected to be lodged with the Vale Council this month.

Earlier this year, the Llandaff Diocese was successful when it applied to the Welsh Assembly for a grant of £3,587,500 for the "extension and remodelling of Pendoylan Church-in-Wales Primary School".

At a meeting of the Vale Council which took place yesterday (Wednesday) after The GEM went to press, the council was asked to set aside a contribution of £388,368 for "...aspects of the scheme that fall within the council's responsibility".

Jordan's Rotary Club 'leadership award'

LEFT: Bob Higgins presents Jordan Peate with his certificate, as president-elect David Pierce looks on.

THE Rotary Club of Cowbridge sponsored two local young people to attend a week's personal development course at Dolygaer in the Brecon Beacons during the school holiday.

A Rotary spokesman explained: "The activities included physically challenging activities such as abseiling, rock climbing, cave exploration, canoeing, water sports and a cross-country hike. These activities are undertaken in small groups to develop teamwork skills and leadership."

At a recent meeting, the visiting district governor, Bob Higgins, presented Jordan Peate of Llantwit Major with a certificate for completing the course.

If young people would like to apply now for next year's course, they should contact Eugene Murphy on 01446 772203. The age range is 16-18 years. The course is helpful on university applications.

The next Rotary charity quiz will be on November 14 in the Town Hall.

Teams of four can enter by contacting Gerry Lloyd on 01446 775616.

ANDREW LANE

Gileston woman has 629 names on her petition

A GILESTON woman who started a petition in the summer to site a roundaout at a 'nightmare' junction, in preference to traffic lights being built, managed to collect 629 signatures to back her cause.

Mrs Karen Bailey's concern relates to the junction at which people pull out from Gileston and St Athan villages onto the A4265 main road.

Mr Bailey explained: "I use the junction four times a day and it is horrendous, a nightmare."

She said she was opposed to planned traffic lights because if they were on 'green' for main road users it would not prevent people travelling at speed, while a roundabout would cut the speed, but keep traffic moving from all directions.

Mrs Bailey added: "I handed in the petition at the beginning of August and it had 629 names in favour of it."

She now hopes for a positive reponse by Vale planners.

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Cowbridge Town Council

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE Cowbridge Town Council has made the following grants: Cowbridge Senior Citizens, £175 towards the running costs of the organisation; Wales Air Ambulance, £100; Shelter Cymru, £75.

• Cowbridge Town Council has agreed to pay £200 for the door to door delivery of the new town guide. It will be delivered to 2,200 households in Cowbridge, Llanblethian and Aberthin.

• *The cost of blackout roller blinds for the main hall and lesser hall at Cowbridge Town Hall is to be investigated.*

• The Town Hall committee heard that it would benefit the Big Screen cinema events and also any organisations showing slides in the lesser hall.

The council will liaise with Creative Rural Communities to see if any grant aid is available.

• ***The next event for the Cowbridge Town Twinning will be a Christmas dance at the Town Hall on December 5 with music from Dave Escott.***

• *Coun Nicola Thomas reported that the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade website was progressing well, with about 40 businesses listed. The target is 90.*

• **Coun Andrea Burgess reported that £200 had been raised at a sponsored walk by Age Concern for its Good Neighbours Scheme in the western Vale. She said that the group is well blessed with volunteers.**

• Coun David Morris said he was disappointed at the delays in getting the new playground installed at Aberthin. He said that work is due to start any time now as most of the equipment has arrived.

He said that once it was installed, it would be handed over to the Vale Council for future maintenance.

The playground has been provided by the town council with its own funding plus a grant from Creative Rural Communities. There will be an official opening.

• **A representative from the South Wales Fire Service will attend a special meeting on October 20, prior to the town council meeting later that night.**

He will give the council an update on what's happening with Cowbridge Fire Station, which the Fire Service wishes to convert from a full time station to a retained station, manned by part timers.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

MALACHI CH3 V16 (Cowbridge Christian Fellowship)

COWBRIDGE COMPRHENSIVE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS SPORTING SUPERSTARS

ABOVE: The winners in the Inter-House Shield competition.

ABOVE: Cowbridge pupils were victorious at Hickstead.

IT was a long night when Cowbridge Comprehensive School honoured its sporting high achievers at the leisure centre.

That was nothing, we hasten to add, to do with the organisation or the length of the speeches.

No, it was merely because the number of pupils who had excelled at various sports only served to emphasise that the rich sporting tradition of the school is being continued – despite the current disruption due to building work.

The GEM has already carried two full-page reports on the evening in recent weeks, and the pupils roll call on this page represents the final chapter.

On the presentation night, a spokeswoman for the PE department said: "We would like to congratulate all the successful sports persons and all those team members not mentioned tonight for their participation in the various teams.

"We would also like to thank all members of staff for their support and help.

"Lastly, thank you to the parents, to their children and the school for their support. It has, once again, proved to be a rewarding and successful year."

The final group of students to be honoured for their sporting achievements were as follows:

Tennis – Cardiff and Vale Schools under-15 championships winners; Cardiff and Vale Schools under-13 championships winners.

Horse riding – British National Schools Jumping Championships winners.

Individual school internal cups were awarded as follows:

Skiing – Alliance Cup (senior) Sean Latham, Richard Llewellyn; (middles), Emily Hopkins; Pitman Cup (year-8) Cameron Mears.

Rugby – Thomas Brother (player of the year) and the Gareth Jones Memorial (Old Boys) went to Tom James.

Cricket – for the first time, the Richard Llewellyn Memorial cup went to a girl, Bethan Moorcraft.

ABOVE: Horse riders Victoria Tamlin, Joshua Rees and Bethan Allman.

ABOVE: The tennis players with their certificates.

Athletics – Victor Ludorum (best boy athlete) – Harri Thomas, Victrix Ludorum (best girl athlete) – Annabel Curle.

The Gwyn James Endeavour award (year-11) was presented by Gwyn James himself, the former headteacher of Cowbridge to William Thomas and Jordan Guard.

Swantek Golf Boys v Staff v Old Boys – Callum Yorston.

Lower School Cups Gardner Cup (year-8 rugby) James Whittingham, Gary Jackson (year-8 all-rounder) Rhys Elms and Chris Brace, Kim Newton (Athletics) Nancie Edwards, Jan Clutterbuck (all-rounder) Liz Whitehouse.

Inter-House Shield Thaw (Blue) captains Tom Howson and Alice Thomas First, Tusker (Red) Second, Dunraven (Green) Third, Nash (Yellow) Fourth.

Hugh Williams was present to present his awards. They went to Matthew and Heather Jarvis.

The netball team with their certificates.

Hugh Williams Sportsmanship Award (Chwarae Teg) Elliot Swallow.

The climax of the evening was to honour our internationals:

Athletics Mini London Marathon Welsh under-15 team Elliot Mears.

Gymnastics British Schools Gymnastics Finals under-13s Tobias Swann, Jason Sami, Danny Price, Elliot Mason, James Oddy and Liam Martin; Welsh Rhythmic Gymnastics Squad Rebecca Thomas.

Trampolining British Schools under-19s and under-13s zonal championships, Aled Oakley and Nancie Edwards.

Rugby Wales under-16 squad, Reuben Tucker and Wales under-16 A squad, Ben Smith.

Hockey Wales under-18 squad, Katie Howson.

Basketball Wales under-18 squad, Oliver Trotman.

Cricket Welsh Schools under-12s, Todd Wilcox, Sam Wood; Glamorgan under-18 squad, Nicholas Davies; Wales senior women's squad and Welsh under-15s, Bethan Moorcraft and Welsh under-16s, Joel Gellegher.

Skiing Wales under-19 squad, Ian Williams, Scott Sanger, Sam Stephens, George Spill, Alice Hales and Emily Hopkins.

Badminton Wales under-13s squad, Will Painter.

Tennis Wales and British under-12 squad, Matthew Kamal and Wales under-15 squad, Tomos Kamal.

Table Tennis Wales under-15 squad, Hannah Avery and Romy Killick.

Squash Wales under-15 squad, Katie Bradbury.

Golf Welsh Women and Welsh under-18s, Gemma Bradbury and Katie Bradbury.

Boxing Welsh under-15 champion at bantamweight, Rufus Budd.

Swimming Welsh Schools under-14s, Matthew Sullivan and Welsh Schools under-16s, Josh Thomas.

Sailing Wales under-14 squad, Gareth Viney, Great Britain under-15 squad and Wales under-15 squad, Molly Frost, and Wales under-18 squad, Fred Jones.

Horse Riding Welsh Dressage under-15 team, Victoria Tamlin, and Welsh under-15 show jumping, Joshua Rees and Bethan Allman.

Chess Wales under-12 team, George Treharne, and Wales under-15 team, Adam Howell.

Bridge Welsh Senior Men's team, Jonathan Richards.

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ART DEMO

ON Thursday, October 22, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge Art Society welcome the return of Janet Bligh, who will be giving a demonstration on watercolour and pastels. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Peterston and Bridgend athletes pledge: 'We're running the Cardiff half marathon for Velindre'

Photograph by **IAN DIXON**

A GROUP of runners from Peterston-super-Ely has entered the Cardiff half-marathon to be held on October 18. The group were sponsored by friends and villagers in support of cancer charities including Velindre Cancer Centre and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.They have been training hard in the Vale over recent weeks and and are a mixture of club runners from Bridgend and first time half-marathoners!

Local Lions highlight the 'World Sight Day'

DURING Lions Awareness Week on Thursday, October 8, a Cowbridge and Llantwit member took a 'step into the unknown' as part of the Lions Club 'largest blindfolded walk on record'.

The member, who wished to remain anonymous, joined up with local resident John Leigh for an hour-long walk blindfolded through Cowbridge and Llanblethian.

John, who is registered blind, guided the blindfolded member so she was able to experience the problems the blind and partially sighted encounter.

The member stated: "It was incredibly hard. There were times along the route when I felt totally isolated. I could hear things but felt frustrated at not being able to see them. I was stung by overgrown nettles and the occasional refuse bag caused a problem."

John has been registered blind for more than 10 years and these are daily challenges for him.

The Lion went on to say: "I felt emotionally and mentally tired by the end of our walk.

"I was quite moved walking home, when I could take in the wonderful views and greet the people that I recognised. I walked safely back to my home, a walk that previously I had taken for granted."

The Lions Awareness Week, 'Step into the Unknown' is used to highlight the organisation's work, recruit more members and used as an opportunity to raise funds.

Lion Tom Lawson, Sight Speech and Hearing Officer said: "For more than 10 years, Lions World Sight Day, held annually in October, has focused attention on eradicating preventable blindness and improving sight. Since Helen Keller challenged our organisation to become The Knights of Darkness, Lions have continued to support sight related projects through the years."

If you would like any further information on the work of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Clubs International, contact David Edwards 01446 793882 or go to www.llantwitmajorandcowbridgelions.org.uk

One Lion discovered what it was like to be blind by accompanying a local resident John Leigh, who is registered blind.

NEWS FROM THE COWBRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

Emergency aid to Pacific disasters

THE newly-formed Cowbridge Interact Club has held a street collection for the Sumatra earthquake and Samoan tsunami.

The Rotary Club topped-up donations to £490 to purchase a Rotary Shelterbox.

The club has already committed to funding a Shelterbox, and is holding a Race Night social event to purchase a further Shelterbox and, hopefully, Aquaboxes.

The Shelterbox organisation already has teams in both areas and boxes are in transit to provide urgent relief.

The stock of boxes urgently needs replenishing. This allows boxes to be despatched immediately as need arises.

Each Shelterbox will normally contain a 10-person tent, plus a selection of other equipment to help an extended family survive for a minimum of six months. The exact contents will depend on local conditions and what is most needed but will generally include blankets, a multi-fuel stove, cooking equipment, water containers and purification tablets, a basic tool kit and a children's pack.

Each box is individually numbered and donors are informed where and when their box has been sent via its unique number.

An Aquabox is a plastic tank with a tap and purification filters to provide a supply of safe drinking water. There is an option with the box filled with a range of survival equipment.

If anyone would like to contribute towards a Shelterbox, please telephone Andrew Lane 01446 772068.

ANDREW LANE

ABOVE: A Shelterbox and its contents.

WIs are on the rise!

THE AGM was held recently and president Margaret Batten opened the meeting by welcoming the county adviser Judith Lucas.

Jane Jenkins gave the treasurer's report followed by the secretary's report from Alice Coulter, who gave a resume of activities over the last year and said the average attendance at our meetings was 36.

The president then gave her report, thanking Sheila Watts Jones (who has just resigned from the committee after 10 years), for all her hard work and support.

She welcomed a new committee member Beth Budd and thanked the committee for their hard work over the last year and members for supporting WI activities.

County adviser Judith Lucas, addressed the meeting and spoke about the strength of the WI in Glamorgan, how it has grown and developed, increasing by 2.5 per cent over the last year.

Since its start in 1915 in Llanfair PG, the WI has worked to improve the lives and conditions of rural women. A big change came in 1965 when the WI was allowed to open up in urban areas.

Margaret Batten was unanimously re-elected as president.

Members were then reminded of forthcoming events – a visit to the ballet later this month, the half yearly council meeting in November and the link carol service in December.

The next meeting will be in November at Ewenny community hall, when the speaker will be Geoff Woods, whose topic is 'Comic Characters of Stage and Screen'.

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Youth theatre getting ready to tackle Oliver

ABOVE: The cast of Oliver The Musical are putting the final preparations to their show.

MONTHS of rehearsals end this week as Llantwit Major's Stage Door 1 Youth Theatre performing *Oliver The Musical* at Llantwit Major School (October 15, 16, 17) at 7pm plus a matinee on October 17 at 2pm.

Tickets are still available from Stage Door 1 fancy dress shop sbove Heavenly Interiors or Nickleby's Bookstore. Adults £6.50, concessions £5.50.

Please come and see the youth of Llantwit Major sing and dance and act their way through one of the best musical of all time with everyone's favourite songs like 'I'd Do Anything', Oom Pah Pah'. 'Consider Yourself', 'As Long As He Needs Me'.

Tickets also available to buy at the door, or telephone 07904 009358.

Colwinston is invited to Cuppa with a Copper...

PCSO Steven Thomas, pictured outside the Sycamore Tree Inn.

PCSO Steven Thomas of the Llandow and Ewenny Neighbourhood Policing Team is looking forward to hosting his first 'Cuppa with a Copper', since joining the team earlier this year, at the Sycamore Tree Inn, Colwinston on Saturday, October 24 at 1pm.

The Llandow and Ewenny Neighbourhood Policing Team is inviting local residents to the next PACT meeting, at Ewenny Village Hall on October 21 at 7pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

HARVEST SUPPER

THE Harvest supper this year made over £1,000.

Congratulations to all who both attended and helped to make this such a success.

QUIZ NIGHTS

AS autumn runs into winter, the quiz nights at the Fox & Hounds start once again.

The dates are Wednesday, October 21, November 4 and 18 and December 2.

They will start at 8pm and will comprise teams of four. Cost will be £7.95, which will include supper.

WINE TASTING DINNER

A WINE tasting dinner with Chateau du Seuil wines has been arranged for Saturday, November 14 at the Fox & Hounds.

Please contact Sue or John for a booking.

OBJECTORS APPEAR TO BE BETTER INFORMED ON ST ATHAN THAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

I NOTED interesting letters in The GEM recently from Mr Simon Bailey and Ms Alana Davies, in respect of the St Athan airfield projects.

Ms Davis, who is apparently hoping to jump into the boots of John Smith, arms herself with results of a poll that, despite my regard for your newspaper, is, I suspect, not as representative as the protests presented to the Vale planning committee by objectors! Some of those taking part are also perhaps, less well informed than the latter.

Mr Bailey on the other hand is one of those who has taken the trouble to analyse the applications in depth and to seek out the opinions of many of those whose lives are likely to be blighted by a number of aspects of the St Athan project.

Together with his detailed letter of objection, there is substantial evidence available on the Vale of Glamorgan Planning web site of informed protest.

It should be noted, and this is so very important to understand, there was support for airfield development 'inside the wire' from the majority.

It is simple enough to test Ms Davies' view and reconsider the 'haemorrhaging of support' - how big was the sample of those responding to The GEM's poll when she carried out her detailed analysis?

Would I be correct in thinking it is less than 20? I suspect it might have been, although by the morning after publication of the letters in The GEM, I would suggest it had crept up with a drop in support becoming evident! 'Hoist' and 'petard' then sprang to mind, though, they have little significance in the world of politicians, of course.

Did Ms Davies, or indeed any of the others involved in supporting this momentous project, apply the same analytical skills in examining all aspects put by Metrix in support of their bid, I wonder?

If they didn't, it proves that those who are supposed to be acting on behalf of the community have little if any ability to do so. Proof indeed of the incompetence of those who are 'acting in the greater interest'!

Rather than deriving her facts from potentially unrepresentative polls, perhaps Ms Davies would like to meet objectors to discuss their concerns.

Perhaps she, and others, might then consider those they are supposed, or would hope, to represent – rather than follow the dictat of those whose motives are perhaps less than altruistic. Perhaps The GEM could organise a forum with her– an open dialogue that was denied residents by the Vale of Glamorgan planning committee.

I should add that the haemorrhaging of support increased since the planning applications were published and the extent of the smoke and mirrors exhibitions of the Metrix consultation process were revealed for what they were!

How easily though the project's 'tailors' are fitting the rose tinted spectacles over the eyes of the emperors and courtiers of the Vale!

Finally, a brief but very sincere and heartfelt thank you to Gwyn John and Nic Hodges for doing as they should – stand up in the face of opposition to represent their communities. Gentlemen, I salute you.

M Lobb,
Llantwit Major

Footnote: The GEM's online poll is open to all, but is not intended to be an in-depth scientific study, merely an informal gauge of public opinion on a topical issue.

Tory candidate's support for Defence Technical College

VALE Conservative candidate Alun Cairns has had two meetings with Metrix bosses since planners gave the green light for the Defence Technical College at St Athan.

Mr Cairns said he had met chairman Charles Barrington and chief executive Jim Morrison to discuss next moves in the multi-billion pound development scheme

"I wanted to offer my support for the project, but also urged them to understand the very real concerns some residents have about certain elements of the scheme. I am pleased to say that they have both given me a commitment to work with the community to try and overcome some of these issues.

"I have also met the chief executives of the two main investment companies and stressed the importance of working with local people.

"We also discussed how local firms and contractors could benefit once the work starts to roll out. There must be a tangible benefit to the Vale in terms of new jobs and investment."

Police may withdraw Vale traffic wardens

THE South Wales Police are planning to withdraw their last two traffic wardens from the Vale, because of "budgetary pressures".

The police argue that, in future, all traffic wardens should be employed by the local authority – in this case the Vale Council.

In a report to the cabinet of the Vale Council, which was due to be considered yesterday (Wednesday) after The GEM went to press, it was revealed that South Wales Police had originally planned to withdraw traffic wardens in April 2010.

However, council officers have asked the police to delay that decision to give the council time to put their own wardens in place.

The police, however, have not as yet responded to that request.

The report says that it could take "18 months to two years" to move from a feasibility study to actually a hving their own wardens in place.

As a result, the officers have asked for permission to spend £5,000 on that feasibility study.

Once that has been done, the Vale Council then has to apply to the Welsh Assembly for the necessary legal permssion to operate its own wardens.

The scheme could be regarded as one that might raise funds for the local authority, as the Vale Council will be able to retain any cash raised by enforcing parking fines to finance the operation.

However, the report appears not to take that view, saying that existing car parking cash may have to be diverted to pay for "enforcement staff and back office staff."

Vale voluntary groups are thanked at event

THE Vale Council held a celebration event at the Town Hall recently to thank voluntary groups in the Vale for their hard work.

Coun Gordon Kemp, leader of the council, presented a cheque totalling £225,000 at the ceremony, showing the full value of grants donated to approximately 200 voluntary organisations in the Vale, including charities, sports and lifesaving clubs, arts groups and youth facilities.

Llantwit Major Ladies Choir, who were also recipients of a grant, performed during the evening.

Organisations that attended the event were: Rhoose Lifeguard Club, Barry Veteran Bowlers Association, Barry & District Chrysanthemum Society, Dinas Powys Athletic Club, Boccia Rollers, Llantwit Major Horticultural Society, Sully Sports RFC Junior Section, Penarth District Scout Council, Merchant Navy Association of Wales (Barry Branch), Crystal Springs Conservation Group, Llantwit Major Ladies Choir, Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, Llanmaes Social Committee, St Nicholas Community Association, Barry Ambulance 1st Responders, Murchfield Community Association, Welsh St Donats & District Community Association, Vale of Glamorgan Artists.

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WICK AND MARCROSS PUPILS LEARN CHEF'S COOKING SECRETS...

TO celebrate the Welsh food fortnight, Wick and Marcross School got together with chef Dean from The Old Post at Bonvilston, Cardiff.

All the children in the juniors cooked with Dean over two days, using produce donated by The Old Post.

Dean kindly donated two mornings to show the junior children how to prepare and cook a well-balanced meal which included part of their five a day.

All the children were able to eat their starters and take the main dish home for tea, with the added bonus of each of the children taking home a voucher to use at The Old Post, along the A48, during the food fortnight.

The Welsh food fortnight promotes cooking within schools, encouraging children and educators to promote healthy eating of local produce.

Wick and Marcross school were proud to take part in the food fortnight, with activities across the school curriculum such as researching the origin of foods, healthy menus, menu costing and Fairtrade.

The infants also took part: Class 1 (reception and year-1) made biscuits and learnt about colours of fruit from all over the world. Class 2 (year-2) made Welsh cakes (which everyone enjoyed) and a week of experimenting with fruit. They made fruit pictures, learnt where fruit came from and the favourite of all – fruit tasting.

Mrs Sara Edwards said: "We are members of healthy schools which encourage children in eating more fruit and vegetables as well as supporting Fairtrade.

"We would like to take this opportunity to send a big thank-you to The Old Post and especially Dean."

LEFT: Each group got to stir in the vegetables and ask chef Dean lots of questions. Joseph Hanks, Emma Johanson-Brown, Abbie Hayes and Kiara Evans all had lots of questions for the chef.

LEFT: Class 3 with their prepared vegetables for shepherd's pie. Left –right: Gwynn Evans, James Donnelly, James Clancey, Culley Harrington, Callum McInnes, Ben Middleton.

Steffan Bugler, the fastest peeler in town, had the vegetables done in no time!

Emily Morgan – happy preparing her carrots.

Below presenting her own classic salad is Bethan Lowrie.

Food talk and a celebration

LLANHARRY WI NEWS

AT the recent meeting, president, Joy Brooking, reminded members the autumn council meeting is on October 26, at Barry Memorial Hall, when the guest speaker is foodwriter, chef and broadcaster, Angela Gray.

Margaret Edwards and Jill Rosser are joining Miskin & Mwyndy WI for their Diamond Birthday celebrations on October 16.

Dates for the diary were given out: Lunch Club is to meet on October 23. at The Penny Farthing, Llantrisant; Christmas Extravaganza Day at St David's Hal on November 23; Christmas Dinner - December 1. Christmas group social at Ystradowen Hall, December 2.

Speaker for the evening was Mrs Beryl Ruddcok from Dinas Powys, who told us what life is like as a vicar's wife. She has been a vicar's wife for 30 years and was previously a comprehensive teacher. Beryl shared her experiences with us, emphasising that one of the important ingredients is to have a sense of humour.

Refreshments were enjoyed by everyone, provided by Doreen Jobbins and Margaret Howells.

The competition (the prettiest tea towel) attracted huge entries, was won by Rita Butt.

Members meet on November 3, for the annual meeting and Shena Sarjeant will guide them through the correct procedure.

WHAT'S ON...in brief

Penarth coffee

A coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, October 17, at 10.30am-12noon. Admission 50p. All proceeds to charity.

Llantwit jumble

THERE will be a jumble sale at Llantwit Major Bowls Club on Saturday, October 17, at 10am-11.30am. Admission 30p.

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As a Local Data Unit Government report for 2008-09 is published...

Plaid Cymru candidate urges council to 'focus on people priorities...'

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Vale Council has defended itself against charges made by Plaid Cymru's parliamentary candidate Dr Ian Johnson.

Dr Johnson expressed concerns about the Vale Council's 'people priorities' after he claimed a new report showed it was among the poorest performing councils for carrying out urgent repairs to council homes, for elderly people receiving home care or day services, and the worst for delivering the disabled facilities grant.

Commenting on the figures published by the Local Government Data Unit in its 2008-09 annual report on the performance of local authorities, Dr Johnson said: "These figures show that the Vale Council has performed very, very poorly when it comes to 'people priorities', and looking after our most vulnerable residents.

"It is astonishing that the average number of days taken to deliver the disabled facilities grant is more than 1,000 days.

"That is almost three years to deliver the average grant, a whole year more than the next worst council in Wales.

"It is a disgrace that a grant designed to allow people to live independently in their own home suffers from such appalling delays."

Dr Johnson continued: "It is a similar story when it comes to the average number of days taken for emergency repairs to be carried out on council homes, where the Vale was the third worst in Wales, and the second worst for the percentage of clients aged 65+ who started to receive care within 29 days of completion of a care plan.

"The Vale Council needs to refocus its priorities back to serving the people of the Vale."

In relation to the disabled facilities grant, the head of public protection at the Vale Council, Alun Billinghurst, said that there had been a 'significant improvement' in lowering waiting times in the current year, and the implementation of new initiatives would help even further.

Vale Council Leader Coun Gordon Kemp told The GEM: *"Although there are some highs and lows in this new report, we know that our staff are continuing to deliver services that are, in many cases, well above the Welsh average.*

"We appreciate that there are a number of areas of concern, and our officers will be tasked with looking for ways to address any problems.

"In these difficult and challenging times, all council directorates and our workforce can be proud of the work they continue to do to try and keep the Vale among the best performing Welsh local authorities," the Leader concluded.

Councillors bid for a youth champion title

Vale councillors are on the campaign trail – to win this year's 'Youth Champion' crown**.**

Five councillors are competing in the third 'I'm a councillor, get me out of here' competition, which is part of Local Democracy Week.

The prospective councillors are currently addressing any questions and queries via the 'big vote' website. Young voters can also read over the manifesto of each candidate.

Reigning youth champion and Conservative councillor Sophie Williams (St Augustine's, Penarth) is defending her 'Youth Champion' crown and faces stiff opposition from fellow Conservative councillor Janice Charles (Illtyd, Barry), a governor of Romilly School and a Barry YMCA management committee member; Plaid Cymru councillor Christopher Williams (Dinas Powys), a governor of Murch junior school; Labour's Mark Wilson (Stanwell, Penarth), a member of the Residential Special Schools panel and LEA governors advisory panel, and Sally Bagstaff (Llantwit First Independents), a member of the council's Community Liaison Committee.

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RESIDENT SAYS: 'WHY DO WE BOTHER WITH RECYCLING?'

TODAY we have experienced another example of bad attitude from recycling men of the Vale Council.

After many hours of hard work in our gardens, we have filled to the brim our green recycling bag, plus five other plastic bags.

When the recycling truck arrived, my husband asked their man to take contents of other plastic bags, but was curtly refused.

So we transferred the contents of those bags into now empty green bag and took it to a kerb, where recycling trucks have to pass us.

I lifted my hand to stop the truck. One man jumped down, refused to empty that green bag and told me arrogantly to buy another five green bags.

I don't need another five green bags, because autumn clearance of garden takes place only once yearly.

I have complained by phone to the council's recycling department before, when my full green bag was ignored by their recycling team.

This time my complaint was dismissed with the statement that the unhelpful and arrogant man from their truck was right to refuse to empty my green bag, as they make a profit from selling the bags.

I was naive to think that the Vale Council is really interested in encouraging people to recycle their garden refuse.

In our cul-de-sac, out of six houses, only two persevere in recycling green waste, due to never-ending problems with collecting men.

We are paying £145 a month of council tax and I believe that we, at least, deserve helpful and kind service.

There are so many unemployed people, desperate to do any work, so why is the Vale Council condoning an arrogant and rude attitude by their workers?

In this situation, people are giving up making an effort to help save our environment. We are appalled by this experience.

Mrs A Miller,
Rhoose Point

VALE RESPONSE

Miles Punter, the head of visible services for the Vale Council, responded: "*We do not collect green waste from any receptacles other than those we provide. The main reason for this is that lifting of the re-usable green bags and our biodegradable bags has been risk-assessed in order to best protect our staff from possible lifting injuries and perhaps, regrettably, any related litigation.*

As a consequence, staff are instructed not to collect green waste from any other bags or containers, and if green waste is deposited at the kerbside in alternative receptacles this waste will not be collected.

"Notwithstanding this, the attitude of our staff in this particular case appears to be wholly unacceptable.

"The resident should have been allowed to re-use their green sack if the crew had sufficient time within their round to permit this request – indeed they seem to have had that time as they stopped the vehicle to discuss the matter with the resident concerned.

"I would therefore offer my sincerest apologies to Mrs Miller for the way that she has been dealt with.

"We do not make a profit from selling the bags concerned; in fact our charges do not even cover their full purchase costs.

"While it is apparent that the attitude of this particular crew has done little to promote recycling, I can assure the resident concerned – and all readers – that the aim of this council is to continue to promote all forms of waste recycling and re-use to permit the achievement of strict national recycling and landfill diversion targets."

Mr Punter added: "I will ensure that a full investigation is undertaken into this matter and that a senior member of my waste management team meets with Mrs Miller to consider her concerns at first hand."

'Rubber stamp was no surprise'

IT is no surprise that the Vale have rubber stamped the St Athan project - did we expect anything else?

Greenfield land, endangered species, hedges, listed buildings, all these can be ignored, depending on who you are.

Is it a joke to have a conservation area next to an outdoor assault course? Try changing a window in Llanmaes and it takes more planning time, let alone putting a garage in your garden, which you are probably told is intrusion into a rural area.

Vickey Way
Picketston

AIRPORT CHIEF'S PLEA:

'Let's all pull together!'

I READ yet again a letter (by THJ Sparks on September 24) attacking the airport and am frustrated that myths are peddled as facts.

Firstly, Amsterdam is our busiest route and offers worldwide connections for business and leisure every day.

Secondly, five out of our top 10 routes are business oriented, not simply Spanish sun.

Thirdly, the M4 link road is not our pressing need, something we have been saying for some time.

Fourthly, we all share everyone's frustrations, but let's not forget it's airlines that fly the routes and they see other markets as more attractive than south Wales.

Finally, "*Virgin not awarded the contract*" - what rubbish - Virgin has never been interested in Cardiff.

Come on, let's pull together and encourage the Assembly to really support this airport and make it happen for Wales.

Steve Hodgetts,
Business Development and Commercial Director,
Cardiff Airport

Farewell to 'Our Rhodri' – BUT THERE ARE FRESH CHALLENGES UP AHEAD

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

I WAS fortunate to be in the conference hall in Brighton when the First Minister the Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan made his last speech as Labour's First Minister for Wales.

The bright sunshine outside was reflected in the hall as he spoke with humour and compassion about his service to Wales over the past decade, and the delegates responded warmly.

As his Education Minister, it was particularly welcome that he chose to speak about his support for the investment in early years education through the pioneering Foundation Phase, benefiting our three-five-years-olds with 1:8 adult/pupil ratios now making such a difference in our schools.

Last week, I announced a further investment of £76m to be allocated to local authorities for the Foundation Phase, with an increase of £22m for 2010-11.

He also spoke about the internationally-renowned PROACT scheme promoted and delivered by my department, helping businesses through the recession, including companies in the Vale, with financial assistance to provide training for employees on a shorter working week with a wage subsidy, upskilling them ready for the upturn in the economy.

On a lighter note, I was pleased that he chose to report on his enjoyment of swimming at Barry Island in our blue flag Whitmore Bay over the wonderful September weeks of fine weather.

He joked that he had been swimming on a day when the life savers were out practising, and a boat had drawn up by his side and a young life saver asked politely: "Are you alright, sir?" He felt that might have been a sign that he was ready for retirement!

The First Minister's return to Wales was shortly followed with the announcement of his retirement – and a timetable for the selection of his successor.

The tributes have been flowing in from far and wide, and the feeling of 'the end of an era' is linked to this very special and remarkable man, who has led us through the early days of devolution with a stamp of authority, credibility and wisdom which is his own, and leads people to call him 'our Rhodri'.

His special touch, which has been so important, has been his willingness and ability to relate to everyone and anyone who wants to engage with him, making sense of government in a very real way.

His formidable intellect and memory, as well as his widespread experience in economic development and European affairs before he went into politics, have helped make his contribution so outstanding in government.

But never fear, his retirement from his post as First Minister will not mark his retirement from politics. He will stay as the Assembly Member for Cardiff West until the next election in May 2011, and he will be active in politics far beyond that – and I am sure we will see more of him on Barry Island, enjoying his brave dips into the sea at Whitmore Bay as well as at our sports stadiums in Cardiff, cheering Wales and our Welsh teams with the fans.

Over the next few weeks, with his guidance, we will rise to the challenge of one of the most difficult budget settlements we have faced as Ministers, having enjoyed a steady period of growth over the past 10 years.

In my role as Education Minister, I have referred to this as a 'reform and perform' budget, seeking to sustain the momentum for far-reaching and progressive reforms like the Foundation Phase and the Welsh Baccalaureate.

In the draft budget which is now being scrutinised by our Assembly committees, I have ensured that the budget for the Welsh Bacc will increase this year as planned, for the roll out of this 'success story' for Wales.

I have also made available an additional £1.5m for our Wales-wide school counselling scheme, and secured a further £2.5m for our youth services in Wales with new guidance for our youth strategy, ready to be launched during the forthcoming Youth Work Week in November.

Arguably, the most important announcement in my draft budget is the £20.5m I am investing in measures to prevent youth unemployment, and invest in education and skills training for our young people with £13m for the Pathways to Apprenticeships scheme, additional places in Skillbuild, support for Careers Wales and the Young Persons Guarantee.

The investment in the school buildings will continue apace in partnership with our local authorities as the 21st Century school capital funds are enhanced by funding from the central budget of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Last week, I visited the new Newport High School in Bettws, due to be finished by the end of the month. The 165-strong workforce on site (including 12 apprentices) will move to their next school building project in Bridgend, and contracts are now being signed off across Wales with the £170m programme I announced earlier this year.

In the Vale, the school building programme will also progress with our backing.

This is a budget for the delivery of the best education policies for the people of Wales to help us take forward the challenges, with the knowledge and understanding of what we can achieve, largely learnt from our First Minister for Wales, Rhodri Morgan AM.

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'Lots of visitors receive help from staff'

PETITION AGAINST CASH OFFICE CLOSURE GATHERS STRENGTH

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

A PETITION is being organised against the threatened closure of the Vale Council's cash offices in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge.

The petition is being organised by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, who has enlisted support from local residents to go out and gather signatures.

Ms Hutt said that these two offices play a vital role as a local access point for payments such as council tax, rents and all other council invoices.

The offices also sell recycling bags and act as information centres. In Cowbridge, there is also a tourist information function.

At the moment, the proposal, which also includes closing the office in Penarth, is still being considered by officers and is out for consultation with staff and unions.

It has not yet been put before cabinet or council, so no decisions have been made.

Jane Hutt said that the Vale had a duty to make its services easily accessible. She said: "Many people do not have cars or bank accounts, including a lot of senior citizens. Also, offices like Baron's Close in Llantwit and Eastgate in Cowbridge are important points of information for local people and the many tourists visiting our historic towns in the Vale.

"If their closure is being seriously considered, this would be a retrograde step."

The petition in Llantwit is being backed by Coun Gwyn John and the Llantwit First Independents.

He said: "We have not yet heard much about it as Vale councillors. It has not gone to cabinet yet. We have been consulted as local members, but I refused to accept the plans.

"The officers are arguing that these offices do not take as much money as they used to, but I have asked how many people will be affected.

"How many people use these offices at present? It's not only about taking money, it's also about providing other services and giving out information. Lots of visitors call to these offices and receive help and assistance from the staff."

Coun John said that all Vale invoices can be paid at them and he uses the one in Llantwit to pay for the hire of leisure facilities for a football club he is involved with.

He continued: "The office at Baron's Court, on the main road, was created many years ago by the old Vale Council.

" They converted a council house into an office. It has been there for so long that it has become a valued asset in the community.

"People are angry at this news. The facility is well used and I am still waiting for answers to my questions.

"This is a cost-cutting exercise and they think that this will save them money."

Coun John said that if savings must be made, he would be suggesting opening the two offices for certain days a week and rotating staff between them.

"They could employ one cashier to cover Llantwit and Cowbridge and open the offices on alternate days."

Coun John has placed petition forms in many of the shops in Llantwit and they are also available from him for people to take around their friends and family.

"I am hoping we can distribute them from the town hall but the town council will have to agree first.

"We only started this last Wednesday, but people are already contacting me for more forms. I have had to take them out to a number of shops."

Once the petition is completed, it will be returned to Jane Hutt, who will present it to the Vale Council.

"She has taken the bull by the horns and we are happy to support her in this particular instance. We are all for fighting for the community," Coun John added.

The council issued a statement to The GEM two weeks ago, stating it is currently consulting staff and unions on these proposals. The cabinet is due to discuss it shortly.

Bereaved husband's memorial stone plea to Archbishop of Wales

A BEREAVED husband is fighting against a Church in Wales rule which prevents him placing a sloping memorial stone on his wife's cremation plot.

David Street, of St Athan, who is also a former chairman of the St Athan Community Council, said that he had buried his wife's ashes in the churchyard in the village.

"There is a designated area in the churchyard for cremation plots," he said. "When I went to look, some have sloping stones while others have stones which lie flat over the plot."

Mr Street decided to have a sloping one because he felt that the rain would wash down it and keep it cleaner, and also there was less chance of mud getting onto it, but he had a shock when he placed the order with a stonemason.

"I was told that there was a policy in force that prevents any more sloping stones being installed and only the flat ones are allowed," he said. "I was shocked because I only want the same as others already have."

Mr Street said he was told that it was the policy of the local Parochial Church Council and was also the policy of the Church in Wales nationally.

"I have been told that it is for easier maintenance but I cannot see that. In my view, it would be easier to strim up against a vertical surface standing proud of the ground. I am also concerned that flat stones can be walked over and can crack."

Mr Street has contacted various people within the church, including Rev David Boult of Llantwit Major and Archdeacon Philip Morris of St Bride's Major.

"I believe that just having flat stones will ruin the appearance of churchyards and make them characterless. There will be no visual content. It is a form of standardisation."

He said that it was important for the bereaved that they had somewhere to go and spend time in pleasant surroundings.

Mr Street, who stressed that this is a personal matter and nothing to do with his role as a councillor, said he was now writing to the top – to the Archbishop of Wales, Rt Rev Barrie Morgan, in a bid to get the policy reversed.

"My wife Wendy died at the end of June," he said. "There is still no stone to mark her resting place because it is all in abeyance at the moment."

Mr Street has lived in St Athan for 29 years, having moved to the area from Lancashire to work for the old South Glamorgan Fire Service.

Wendy was from Merthyr Tydfil and was 62 when she died. The couple have three children living locally.

A spokesman for the Church in Wales said that there was no overall church policy on this and each benefice makes it own policy. It had been adopted in many places because of maintenance issues.

Rev Boult said that the Church in Wales had issued guidelines about the stones that go over cremated remains, and one concerned using flat stones because of the ease of maintenance for years to come. This had been adopted.

He explained: "We need to make our churchyards as easy to maintain as possible. The sloping ones that stick up have to be cut around by hand, whereas we can run the mowers straight over the flat ones. It makes a big difference to the cost of maintenance."

Mr Boult said that the church's income was dropping as church attendances shrink and many churchyards get very little income from burials, making the upkeep an increasing burden on dwindling church members.

Mr Boult said that Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major, which includes St Athan, took a decision more than two years ago to adopt the guidelines. He said that the sloping stones predate that decision, but only flat ones would be permitted from now on. This policy is in force at all nine churches.

"It is a very emotional time for people recently bereaved and we try to be as sensitive as possible," he added. "But we cannot change this because of the implications for the future maintenance of our churchyards. We have to make things as simple and easy as possible."

JAYNE ISAAC

Hunting ban support wins praise from League Against Cruel Sports

LABOUR'S prospective parliamentary candidate for the Vale, Alana Davies, has been praised by the League Against Cruel Sports for pledging that, if elected to Parliament, she wouldn't vote for getting rid of the hunting ban.

LEFT: Alana Davies gives her support to the Keep Cruelty History Campaign.

Mrs Davies is giving her support to the League Against Cruel Sports' Keep Cruelty History campaign, which aims to keep the hunting ban in place.

Joshua Kaile, parliamentary and political officer for the League Against Cruel Sports said: "We are delighted Alana Davies has publicly pledged her support for the Hunting Act.

"The vast majority of the public do not want to see a return to cruelty and we will ensure Ms Davies' views, and those of all other parliamentary candidates, on this issue are communicated to the electorate in the run-up to the election."

Mrs Davies said: "I am pleased to support the Keep Cruelty History campaign, because the hunting ban put an end to bloody and cruel practices and I want it to stay in place."

Llantwit Rugby club ball raises £350 for Ty Hafan

IN August, the Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club held its annual members' summer ball and raised £350 in aid of Ty Hafan children's hospice.

A spokeswoman for the organisers said: "We would like to thank all who attended for their generosity and support in making the evening such a great success."

LEFT: Robert Taylor, the regional fundraising co-ordinator for Ty Hafan, receiving a cheque for £350 from members of Llantwit Major RFC.

'NO PLANS TO TRUNK A48 THROUGH ST NICHOLAS,' SAYS WELSH ASSEMBLY

THE Welsh Assembly Government has said it has no plans to reconsider trunking the A48 through St Nicholas, after Vale parliamentary candidate Alun Cairns said he feared the plan might be revived "by the back door".

Mr Cairns said he planned to press the transport minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones ,about his plans for the A48 from Culverhouse Cross to Five Mile Lane.

He said he questioned whether the Minister had any plans to go back on an independent inspector's decision of five years ago, when the inspector overruled the Welsh Assembly Government and recommended against trunking the road through the village of St Nicholas.

Mr Cairns explained: "He has already indicated that there are plans to trunk and upgrade Five Mile Lane as an alternative route to the airport in lieu of the new access road.

"But you cannot have a piece of trunk road in limbo. It will have to connect back to the Culverhouse Cross junction which brings traffic from the M4.

"If this section is trunked, it will mean that all the heavy lorries going to Barry will be routed this way, instead of using the Barry link from Culverhouse. There will also be a significant increase in all types of traffic, as this will be the route signposted from the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross.

"Residents of St Nicholas fought this plan at a public inquiry five years ago and won the argument. It was widely reported in The GEM. They were supported by the inspector, who ruled that directing all this traffic along the A48 through their village would not be a good thing. It would be wrong now for the Assembly Government to revive this plan via the back door."

Mr Cairns has already raised the issue in a debate in the chamber of the Assembly and said he would contacting the Minister for more information.

"He did not answer my question about what was being planned," said Mr Cairns. "I have now written to him. Plans to upgrade Five Mile Lane would be welcomed by all, but if it's part of an overall plan to trunk the A48 as well then local people will oppose it again."

A Welsh Assembly Government spokesperson told The GEM: "The Welsh Assembly Government has no plans to reconsider the trunking of the A48 through St Nicholas and Five Mile Lane.

"When launching Wales' first National Transport Plan earlier this year, the Deputy First Minister announced his decision to improve access to Cardiff Airport through a series of sustainable measures.

"These include the creation of more frequent high quality bus and train services to the airport, in addition to safety improvements on important access roads, including the A4226 – Five Mile Lane.

"The Assembly Government is working with the Vale Council who are considering options for safety improvements to Five Mile Lane and intend to consult the public next year."

The spokesman added: "The performance of the existing road network between the M4 and the western part of the Vale of Glamorgan will continue to be monitored, to ensure that the transport network is appropriate."

Light up the night at Dyffryn

DYFFRYN GARDENS is again hosting its spectacular 'Light up the Night' event this month, offering visitors an opportunity to enjoy an evening stroll around a stunning illuminated trail.

Previously held in November/December, 'Light up the Night' at the Vale of Glamorgan Council-owned tourist attraction runs this year from October 23 to November 1 (6pm-8.30pm).

It highlights the historical arboretum, special features throughout the gardens and, of course, the house, which will be dramatically illuminated.

Dyffryn project manager Gerry Donovan, said: "As the nights draw in and the evenings become crisper, 'Light up the Night' really does give visitors the opportunity to see the gardens in a very different light. The popularity of this event is increasing every year and 2009 promises to be more exciting than over."

There is also a Halloween special on Saturday, October 31, to include an eerie walk, ghostly talks and other scary activities!

During half-term, visitors can take part in the first Big Draw event on October 28. They will be encouraged to explore and draw the gardens.

For more details, contact Dyffryn Gardens on 029 2059 3328.

Club competition raises vital funds for chosen charity

Junior captain Josh Hill with the junior team.

THE RAF St Athan Golf Club captains Steve Higgins and Liz Thomas, have chosen Tenovus as the charity they will support.

Throughout the summer, nine golfers from each of the junior, ladies and men's sections played six games of nine holes to compete for the Tenovus Trophy.

Each team of nine played Stableford format, with the best seven scores from each recorded. The junior section started the first round in a blaze of glory and throughout the next five games it was obvious that the other sections were falling further behind.

The final game on September 21 was merely a courtesy, as the men's and ladies' sections had to admit that there was no way they could find enough points to take the trophy from the juniors.

The final tally after the six games was 636 to the juniors, 561 to the men and 503 to the ladies.

The competition raised a total of £250 for Tenovus and this will be added to other money collected throughout the year.

Steve and Liz would like to thank everyone who competed in this event and congratulate junior captain Josh Hill and his team for their tremendous win and impeccable behaviour on and off the course.

For more information on RAF St Athan Golf Club, contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

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LEFT: Ladies captain Liz Thomas and club captain Steve Higgins.

NEWS FROM 2ND LLANTWIT MAJOR BOYS' BRIGADE

Top ten bowlers!

THREE teams each of three boys took part in the Boys' Brigade National Ten Pin Bowling Championships in Dunstable.

Team one were entered in the senior competition and teams two and three in the 'Alley' competition for younger boys.

Team two had won the 'Alley' competition and were out for the hat trick this year.

After the three-match play rounds, all three teams were through to the final stages. Team two were top in their group and were promoted to the senior competition. Team three were eliminated in their semi-final, having put up a good fight.

Team one took on the winners from the last two years, 1st Bletchley, in their quarter-final, but despite good scoring, they failed to go through.

Team two, following their promotion, were drawn against the only other Welsh team, 5th Swansea, in their quarter-final and won through to the semi-finals only to be drawn against, yes, 1st Bletchley. Much against all the odds, they put the champions out!

So to the final – match play is now over and it is total pins scored by the whole team that counts.

The Llantwit boys, having surprised even themselves, took the game by the scruff of the neck, bowled for the enjoyment despite tired arms, and had completed their game ahead of the three other teams.

With the finish of the second team, Llantwit knew that they had at least finished third.

When the next team completed their game, Llantwit were in second spot – with just the 14th West Bromwich team, runners-up for the last two years, to finish.

The last bowler for West Bromwich needed 18 off his last frame for his team to win.

The whole place went silent. Twice he started then stopped, scoring seven off his first ball, he needed to clear the three remaining pins to get the extra ball. He cleared two, and Llantwit were the surprise winners.

Both officers from Llantwit felt completely drained and the boys just could not believe what they had done. National winners!!

Well done to all nine boys, especially to Elliot Gordon, Alex Harris and Ieuan Peregrine, the gold cup and gold medal winning team.

ANDY WELLSBURY (Leader)

LEFT: The boys and their trophy.

WANTED: sponsors and support for Cowbridge Christmas Tree Festival

OUR Christmas Tree Festival has become an established event in the town.

It has been decided to promote another festival this year. For this project to be as successful as in other years, we again need the assistance of as many organisations in the town and surrounding area as possible.

Therefore, we are looking for sponsors and support in any one or more of the following ways:

We would welcome offers to provide a tree and the decorating of it in a manner determined by the group or organisation undertaking the task eg estate agent (miniature house); school (pupils' photographs); opticians (multi-coloured spectacles) etc. Trees would be no taller than 5ft natural (no needle drop type), artificial, or even tree constructed tree shape.

If lights are to be used, they must be CE approved and in sound, serviceable conditions and not of the musical/flashing variety.

Provision within the church of siting the trees and providing the electrical supply would be the responsibility of the church. It is envisaged that approximately 50 sites will be available.

Financial sponsorship would be very welcome from organisations/companies who do not feel able to provide a tree.

A large tree is to be sited in the church grounds and a sponsor for the lighting would be greatly appreciated.

During the festival, there will be entertainment and light refreshments will be available on all three days.

A preview evening will be held on Thursday, November 26 when invited guests, sponsors and all participants will be appropriately acknowledged.

The profits from this year's festival will be shared between Velindre Care and the restoration of Holy Cross Parish Church.

If you wish to take part, please contact me on 01446 774264 by October 31.

Margaret Harris, (Exhibit coordinator)

BIG SCREEN

BIG SCREEN's next showing in Cowbridge is *Cheri* (Cert 15), on Thursday, October 22, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Based on the novels by Colette, it tells the story of a young man who becomes infatuated with a fallen woman, played by Michelle Pfeiffer.

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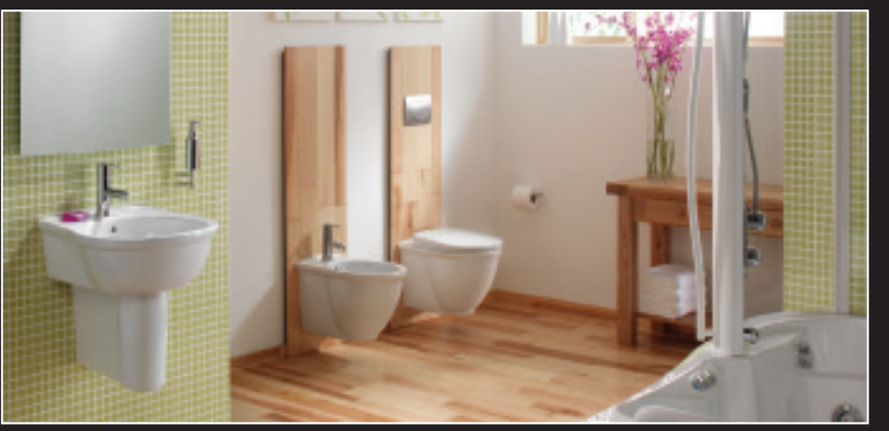

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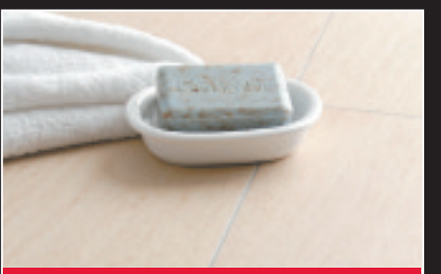

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Glory for swimmers at memorial gala

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club held its third annual Lez Rogers Memorial Gala recently, at Barry Leisure Centre.

The event is held in memory of Lez, who died in Australia in 2006 representing Wales in ten-pin bowling. Lez did so much for the club and Kay, his wife, Carrianne, his daughter, who still belong to the club, wanted to do something in his memory. Barry ASC also welcomed Lez's family to watch the event.

Pontypridd, Llandarcy, Rhondda and Blaenafon attended the event to take part.

Barry was on top form with a first place in the second event, the 4 x 25m boys under-10 medley relay, winning in a time of 01m.28s.90h, which was more than seven seconds ahead of the second-placed team Blaenafon.

This was followed by another first place in the 4 x 50m girls under-12 medley relay in a time of 02m.24.97, finishing more than 15 seconds ahead. The Barry relay teams won a total of nine relays out of 17, so well done to the teams.

In the individual events, Amy Drew won her 50m breaststroke race in a time of 42.34, which was fantastic.

Georgia Looker also came in first place in the 50m fly in a time of 33.62, which was more than eight seconds faster than the second-placed team Rhondda.

Lauren Williamson then came in first place in the same age group with her win in the 50m freestyle in a time of 30.06.

Not to be outdone, Lauren Blake came first in the 50m backstroke in a time of 38.25, which was more that 10 seconds faster than the second place swimmer.

The same four swimmers also won their freestyle 4 x 50m relay in a time of 02m.10.7. This meant that the under-12 girls won every race they entered.

Tristan Cuer took first place in the boys 50m freestyle in a time of 32.43, just beating Llandarcy, last year's winners of the overall event.

In the under-14 girls 50m backstroke, Alana Wilson, club captain, led from the front and took first place in a time of 35.38.

Rhys Perry, in the boys open, took first place in the 100m fly in a time of 01m.07.78, with Blaenafan chasing his heels in second place.

Throughout the event it was very close between Barry ASC and Llandarcy, with each club jostling for first place.

After 40 events, it was a tie at 146 each, but Barry started to pull ahead and, with a brilliant finish in the canon, took first place and won the overall event with a total points of 185, with Llandarcy taking second place with 173 points.

After careful consideration, chief coach Malcolm Wilson decided that Naiomi Everitt and Sam Smith were awarded with the 'swimmer of the meet' medals for stepping in at short notice to swim in older age groups.

All the swimmers worked extremely hard in supporting each other and cheering on their team mates. A big thank you must go to all the officials and helpers, as without their help the event would not have been such a success.

If you would like a trial to join Barry Amateur Swimming Club, please telephone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

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Cowbridge catwalk gets Fashion Week off to a great start!

by JAYNE ISAAC

COWBRIDGE Fashion Week got off to a great start with its catwalk event in the town last Thursday evening (October 8).

Large crowds watched the models strut their stuff in a parade which started at the Market Place – and ended at Eastgate.

Each participating shop had three models dressed in some of their classiest clothes and carrying special umbrellas bearing the name of the shop – which was a very handy reference point to let you know where those clothes could be seen afterwards.

Thankfully, the umbrellas were not needed to fulfil their primary role, as the weather remained fine and dry.

There were also fire-eaters and stilt walkers adding a bit of glamour to the event.

The town's fashion shops had a length of red carpet outside and some other non-clothes shops were also open as well, although the ones who remained closed missed out with so many potential customers in town!

There was hospitality and entertainment laid on in most of the participating shops, and that included belly dancers and a Spanish guitarist!

Every shop offered customers a glass of bubbly and some nibbles – and one even staged a full scale buffet.

There was a lovely atmosphere as people chatted to friends and had a look at the clothes on offer, and it would appear that people were not just looking but buying as well.

Emma Hartman of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, which organised the event, said that the town was buzzing: "The shops were packed. You couldn't get through the door of some of them and shopkeepers have reported that they did really well with lots of sales. We are delighted – it was a great evening."

She reported that some shops had to send out for a second, and even a third lot of champagne!

"We were pleased to see many of our regular customers, but it was lovely to see new faces as well and to welcome people to Cowbridge who would not normally shop here.

"It was a great event to promote the town," Emma said.

She added that the fashion lunch and the black-tie dinner were both complete sell-outs with waiting lists for tickets.

All the proceeds will go to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice at Sully.

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Pink aerobics raise £1,000 for charity

MORE than 50 people turned Penarth Leisure Centre into a "pink frenzy" for a charity aerobics event recently, when £1,000 was raised for Breast Cancer Awareness.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and all funds raised by Pink Aerobics go towards research to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Find out more at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres.

Christmas fayre

THE Parish of Penarth with Llandough annual Christmas fayre will be held on November 21, in the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth, at 10am-12noon.

Varied stalls and raffle, admission 50p includes refreshments. Entry for children free.

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BRO MORGANNWG TAKE PLAUDITS IN THE CARDIFF & VALE CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE

Report: PETER MORRIS
Photographs: IAN DIXON

THE staff and pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg will probably take the greatest satisfaction of any Vale school from the results of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools boys' cross-country league 1.

With the start of term in the Vale being only a fortnight before the date of this fixture, it was pleasing that all the schools had boys competing with only Llantwit, preparing for the school's pending November inspection with an inset day, not at full strength.

On a sunny afternoon and with the Trelai Park course in very firm condition following the recent dry spell, it was Elliot Richards who led the Vale contingent home in the first of the three races. The Stanwell year-9 was fourth home, 17 seconds down on the winner, Jack Gooch (Radyr), with another four Vale athletes in the top 11 places.

In the year-7 race, with all the boys making their league debut, it was another Stanwell pupil, Jack Knight, who was the top placed athlete. Over the short-two lap course, he finished third, 10 seconds down on Josh Moore (Llanishen), the first boy home.

Knight was just ahead of the Cowbridge duo of Kristian Jones (4th) and Ellis Rosser (7th), with Richard Stephens (St Cyres) claiming 11th place.

Year-10 boys performed surprisingly well in the opening senior race, which may well be encouraging for the Cardiff & the Vale Schools' under-17 (years 10 and 11) team to compete at Cardiff UK Cross Challenge in January 2010, and at the Welsh Schools' National championships in late February, but also suggests that the under-20 team (sixth formers) may not be as strong as last year.

The first Vale boy home was year-10 Rhodri Heslop in fifth place. The Bro Morgannwg pupil will be pleased at his placing, but surprised that he finished over a minute down on another year-10 boy, Elliot Slade (Bishop of Llandaff).

This senior race was easily the best from a Vale perspective with Dan Lewis (St Cyres, 6th), Matthew Edwards (Barry 8th), and Dominic Farr (Bro Morgannwg, 9th) taking top 10 placings and a further six finishing between 11th and 20th.

At this fixture, Bro Morgannwg fielded the biggest Vale contingent of runners and gained reward by finishing top team in the senior section, one place ahead of the defending title-holders, Llanishen.

The positions were reversed in the under-14 competition with the Colcot Road school having to settle for second. Competition in the year-7 was tight with less than 100 points separating the top five schools.

Whitchurch head the section with Cowbridge third and Stanwell fifth. The Bro Morgannwg boys could not emulate their older team-mates and had to settle for sixth, while Barry (8th), St Cyres (9th) and St Richard Gwyn (11th) will look to improve at the second fixture.

In the next league race, course distances will increase, and competition will be stiffer with Cardiff High taking part, having been unable to take part in the opening fixture.

Boys who finished in the top 30 places in the under-12 and under-14 races at this fixture, plus the leading under-17 and under-20 pupils from the senior contest, will be invited to compete for Cardiff & the Vale Schools at in the Schools' Invitation Inter-Counties Match which will be held as part of Cardiff UK Cross Challenge at Blackweir in Cardiff on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

Later this term, there are important school fixtures on Tuesday, October 20 – the South Wales Regional Schools championships for boys at Trelai – and Saturday, November 14 – the Welsh Schools Inter Schools championships at Penlan in Brecon.

The age groups at these two fixtures will be different from the Cardiff & the Vale Schools league. Races will be held for under-13 (years 7 and 8), under-15 (years 9 and 10) and seniors (years 11 to 14).

The last major fixture of this team will be the Welsh Inter Regional championships, which will be held at Builth Wells on Sunday, December 13.

Vale results – Senior, under-19 (years 10 to 14) – 3,970 metres - 95 finishers.

Individuals – 5 Rory Heslop (Bro M) 14:23; 6 Dan Lewis (StCy) 14:28; 8 Matthew Edwards (Barry) 14:33; 9 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 14:35; 11 Callum Barrie (Barry) 14:41; 12 Rhys George (Bro M) 14:49; 13 Darren Jones (Lwt) 14:56; 14 Duke Durham (StCy) 15:03; 18 John Davies (Cow) 15:13; 19 Joseff Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 15:18; 20 Tom Howles (Lwt) 15:22; 21 Dan Owen (Lwt) 15:26; 23 Morgan Preece (Bro M) 15:44; 24 Matthew Sullivan (Cow) 15:46; 27 Joshua Thomas (Cow); 31 Ben Bryl (Bro M); 32 Abdel Boulaiche (StCy); 35 Joseff Swain (Bro M); 36 Ieuan Donovan (Bro M); 38 Alex Simon (Lwt); 39 Elliot Mears (Cow); 40 Oliver Crosby (Lwt); 41 Tom Howson (Cow); 42 Matthew Metcalfe (Bro M); 43 Mitch Bryl (Bro M); 44 Jo Briscombe (Bro M); 45 Rhys Griffin (Cow); 46 Adam Hewitt (Cow); 47 Tom Kamal (Cow); 48 Lewis Jones (Cow); 50 Jonathan Esquirol (Cow); 53 Lewis Evans (Bro M); 54 Rhydian Mepham (Bro M); 57 Stuart Fleming (Cow); 62 Michael Coles (Bro M); 63 Michael Lloyd (Cow); 65 Jack Pritchard (Bro M); 67 Steffan Kitchen (Cow); 68 Tom Parker (Lwt); 69 Michael Rosser (Cow); 71 James Williams (Cow); 74 Tavia Rickard (Cow); 75 Davy Davies (Bro M); 76 David Parks (Bro M); 78 Robert Sullivan (Cow); 79 James Clarke (Cow); 80 Emyr George (Bro M); 88 Harry Foster-Davies (Bro M); 94 George Brown (Cow); 95 Andrew Ott (West)

Team: 1 Bro Morgannwg 477; 4 Cowbridge 381; 5 Llantwit Major 376; 10 Barry 19; 11 Westbourne 1.

Under-14 (years 8 and 9) – 2,570 metres – 153 finishers.

Individuals – 4 Elliot Richards (Stan)10:38; 6 Sam Peterken (StCy) 10:49; 8 Harri Williams (Bro M) 10:53; 9 Sam Corria (StRichG) 10:55; 11 Dafydd George (Bro M) 11:02; 14 Tom Owen (Cow) 11:11; 17 Jacob Briscombe (Bro M) 11:25; 20 Tom Griffiths (Bro M) 11:31; 21 Liam Beavis (Bro M) 11:32; 26 Lloyd Creed (Barry); 27 Jake Bosza (West); 28 Sam Laity (West); 30 Chris Brace (Cow); 31 George Zygmond (Stan); 36 Rhys Thomas (Bro M); 38 Tom Johnston (Cow); 41 Arran Bright (Lwt); 42 Gareth Hurman (Barry); 44 Ben Pearse (Barry); 45 Rowan Miller (Lwt); 47 Jason Sami (Cow); 52 Curtis Hayes (Barry); 54 Rory Edwards (West); 57 Iwan Mepham (Bro M); 58 Matthew Bennett (Bro M); 65 Daniel Bell (StRichG); 66 Lewys Thomas (Bro M); 67 Cory Rowlands (Bro M); 71 Harri Thomas (Cow); 74 Calvin McCann (Barry); 77 Andrius Stepanous (Barry); 79 Connor Wilson (Bro M); 80 Connor Beattie (Lwt); 81 Curtis Jones (Bro M); 83 Liam Welsh (Barry); 84 Tomos Harvard (StCy); 86 Tim Goodman (Cow); 91 John Miles (Barry); 92 Matthew Moore (Barry); 93 Joel Reeves (Bro M); 94 Will Parker (Lwt); 95 Gareth Pilcher (Bro M); 98 Nathan Stephens (Cow); 100 Gethin Evans-Cooper (Bro M); 101 Taylor Harris (Bro M); 102 Tom Geen (Stan); 103 Ieuan Orton (Bro M); 104 Jacob Frost (Stan); 105 Callum Goddard (Barry); 107 Dafydd Fardy (Bro M); 109 Alex Guard (Cow); 112 Gareth Bolter (Lwt); 114 Curtis Powell (Cow); 119 Joe Brown (West); 120 Robert Tucker (StRichG); 121 Jordan Roe (StRichG); 124 Luke Maunder (West); 132 Nicky Griffiths (Cow); 135 Tomos Davies (Stan); 136 Chad Travis (Barry); 138 Liam Martin (Cow); 139 Mark Williams (Barry); 140 Brad Enticott (Barry); 148 Jordan Chichester (Barry); 149 Morgan O'Neill (Barry).

Team: 2 Bro Morgannwg 811; 5 Cowbridge 638; 7 Barry 609; 10 Westbourne 352; 11 Llantwit Major 398; 12 Stanwell 394; 15 St Richard Gwyn 301; 18 St Cyres 218.

Under-12 (year-7) – 2,340 metres – 173 finishers.

Individuals – 3 Rhys Knight (Stan) 9:12; 4 Kristian Jones (Cow) 9:15; 7 Ellis Rosser (Cow) 9:19; 11 Richard Stephens (StCy) 10:36; 15 David Constantinou (Stan) 10:49; 16 Andrew Groonslade (StRichG) 10:49; 20 Reuben Bryl (Bro M) 10:55; 21 Elliot Morris (Barry) 10:56; 22 Huw Bennett (Cow) 10:57; 23 Lloyd James (StRichG) 10:58; 27 Charlie Baister (StCy); 28 Scott Dutfield (Stan); 33 Cahal Brangham (StCy); 36 Isaac Dyer (Stan); 38 Tom Trotman (Cow); 39 Josh Lewis (Stan); 40 Tobt Walker (Cow); 41 Jason Vicount (Bro M); 43 Gavin Lewis (Bro M); 44 Cameron Gibbon (Barry); 46 Fraser James (Barry); 47 Scott Thomas (Cow); 55 Luke Swain (Bro M); 57 Rhys Evans (Bro M); 60 Tom Lucas (Cow); 61 Ben Morgan-Brownhill (Barry); 63 Hywel Williams (Cow); 65 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M); 68 Miles Davies (Cow); 70 Tom Edwards (Bro M); 72 Callum Stristed (Stan); 73 Williams Brown (Stan); 81 Ben Jones (Cow); 82 Daniel Oddy (Cow); 83 William Eddy (Barry); 84 Sean Mayor (Barry); 86 Joshua Gibson (StRichaG); 88 Luke Garland (StCy); 91 Ryan Harrison (Bro M); 95 AJ Harry (Barry); 96 Einan Jones (Bro M); 97 Corey Mackey (StCy); 100 Rhys Ford (Stan); 101 Lewis Barry (Bro M); 103 Brandon Turner (Bro M); 105 Cory Price (Bro M); 106 Morgan Finlay (Bro M); 108 Josh Kemp (Barry); 116 Ben Jones (Barry); 118 Corey Cain (StCy); 119 ben Popham (Bro M); 120 Oliver Pike (Cow); 121 Ashley Newcombe (StCy); 122 Michael Margetts (Barry); 126 Luke Penberthy (StCy); 130 Nicolas Rees (Cow); 131 Kieran Webber (St RichG); 132 Sammy Sutton (StRichG); 133 Kristian Lixton (Barry); 136 Warren Ryland (Cow); 137 Rhys Hunter (Bro M); 139 Mo Evans (Bro M); 140 Rhodri Miller (Bro M); 141 Kristian Prosser (Cow); 142 James Norman (StRichG); 147 Lewis Adary (StCy); 149 Dylan Selby (Bro M); 156 Mabon Evans (Bro M); 157 Harri Thomas (Bro M); 162 Rhys McClelland (StCy); 164 Daniel Lock (StCy).

Team: 3 Cowbridge 886; 5 Stanwell 851; 6 Bro Morgannwg 763; 8 Barry 705; 9 St Cyres 670; 11 St Richard Gwyn 514.

After a very successful summer season in the under-15 ranks, year-10 Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) made an encouraging debut in the senior boys race, finishing 8th.

ABOVE: Cowbridge year-7 boys team, which finished third.

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Year-10 rugby boys win top national Sevens tournament

LESS than 24 hours after being named as one of the top three state schools in the UK for achievements and work in sport and physical education, the Cowbridge Comprehensive year-10 rugby squad won the prestigious Bishopston Sevens invitation rugby cup.

The tournament involves the top 24 school in Wales, who battle it out on an annual basis.

Cowbridge Comprehensive, captained by Gus McPherson, started the tournament with an outstanding 60-0 win against Pontardulais. This was followed with a 45-0 beating of Bishop Gore from Swansea.

After winning the group comfortably, the side moved into the knockout phases with a tough match against Welsh 15-a-side finalists Amman Valley.

With some great performances from Charley Morris, Evan Phillips and Harry Hitchcock, Cowbridge looked the sharper side and ended up fairly comfortable winners.

The semi-final proved a really tough game. After a pleasing first half performance, Cowbridge led Bro Myrddin by 24-5, thanks to tries from Christian Roberts-Walters, Harry Hitchcock and Evan Phillips.

The second half proved to be a really nervous affair as Bro Myrddin scored two quick tries, which were well converted to bring the score to 24-19. With Bro Myrddin attacking to win, Cowbridge defended well.

An excellent tackle from Harry Hitchcock stopped a last-minute attack from Bro Myrddin and Cowbridge held on to secure a place in the final.

The final was to be played against a classy Glantaf side that had beaten Brynteg and Cwm Rhymni by big scores in the knockout stages. Cowbridge, however, were far too strong for Glantaf and built a good early lead.

As the Glantaf players began to lose belief, Cowbridge stepped up the pace, all players started to excel, and they ran out comfortable 47-7 winners, with captain Gus McPherson lifting the cup while centre Christian Roberts Walters was nominated as player of the tournament.

This was an excellent achievement for the team, who deserved to win after displaying excellent attitudes and a great team ethic.

Team coach, Mr Thomas, would like to thank all parents who helped with transport at the end of the tournament.

First XV rugby

THE senior rugby side produced an outstanding second-half display against Llanhari in the Saturday league to come from behind and win by 26-10.

Wearing new First XV jerseys (sponsored by Binary Financial) the forwards took control of the game with some fantastic tight play.

After holding Llanhari to a 10-5 lead against the strong wind in the first half, the school pack, led by second row Ben Smith, dominated at both scrum and lineout. All players showed a massive desire to win and gave 100 per cent throughout the game.

This side has made huge improvements since the start of the season and if they continue to train hard they will keep improving.

The win also maintains the First XV's unbeaten home record, that now extends for nearly three years.

The next game for this side is home to Cymer in the league on Saturday, October 17, with a 10am kick-off.

Year-10 rugby

THE year-10 rugby team won the 2009 District Cup final by beating Bro Morgannwg with a comfortable 45-5 win at Barry.

For a game so early in the season, the school side showed excellent skill, fitness and decision-making in a comprehensive display. With many of the players involved with the Vale under-15 District sides, the higher standard of rugby that playing at this level involves was evident.

James Hendy played his first school game for some years and was a key performer. As an already talented all-round athlete, James showed signs that he has the potential to become a very good rugby player.

The year-10 team, captained by Gus McPherson, will look to retain the title at the end of this season before joining the school senior squad next year.

BADMINTON

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School entered two boy and two girl teams for the South Wales Top School badminton event.

The school team wore their sponsored kit from Jensen Sports and competed in a tournament which involved 30 boys teams and 22 girls teams.

The team players were seeded in ranked order, with No 1 playing singles, No 2 playing singles, No 3 and No 4 playing doubles together, No 1 playing with either No 3 or 4 and No 2 playing with No 3 or 4 to make a five-match game.

All preliminary rounds were played in group stages, with only group winners going through to the knock out stages.

The girls A team of Jess Oliver,,Romy Killick, Rachel Bradshaw and Sophie Gallagher played Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr from the Gower in their first match, and came up against a strong team, losing 5-0. They went on to become runners-up in the tournament.

In their second game against Cyfarthfa School, Merthyr Tydfil, the girls won the game early 5-0 and they did the same against Gwynllyw School, Pontypool. Unfortunately, only group winners went through to the knockout stages.

The girls B team of Naduni Jayishye, Katie Bradbury, Lois Palmer, Lydia James and Amy Oliver played St Richard Gwyn, Barry, and won 4-1.

Against Chepstow Comprehensive School they won 5-0, and against Ysgol Gwyr (B), the team won 5-0.

In winning their group, they went on to play Whitchurch Comprehensive School in the semi-final, losing 5-0 to last year's Welsh champions.

Finally, they played Ysgol Bro Myrddin in the play-off for third place to see who would qualify for the Welsh finals in Welshpool in February 2010.

Naduni lost her single 21-18. Katie Bradbury won her single 21-12. Lois Palmer and Amy Oliver won their doubles 21-15. Naduni and Amy lost their doubles 21-16, but Lois Palmer and Katie Bradbury won their doubles 21-17 for the team to finish third and qualify for the Welsh finals – the first time a girls team has done so.

The boys B team of Dayle Painter, James Hendy, Michael Massie and Will Beech played Abersychan 'A' in their first game, winning 5-0.

Next was Aberdare A in their second game which they took 5-0. With only three teams in their group, they won the group early.

In the quarter-final, they played Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr from Gower. Dayle Painter lost his singles 21-17. James Hendy lost his singles 21-18. Michael Massie and Wil Beech won their doubles 21-12. The score was 2-1 to Gwyr, with the last two doubles on court.

Dayle Painter and Will Beech fought all the way but lost 21-19. James Hendy and Michael Massie won 21-17. Unfortunately, the team lost 3-2 in a very competitive game.

The A team of Sidarth Devalia, Wil Painter, Jack Scanlan and Rhys Mallows played Cardiff High School (B) winning 5-0, and Crickhowell Comprehensive School (A) winning 5-0.

They beat Gwynllyw Comprehensive Pontypool (A) 5-0 and qualified for the quarter-finals against Cardiff High School A team and won that 4-1.

In the semi-final, they were matched with Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr who had knocked the B team out. In a very close match, Sidarth Devalia won his singles 21-17.

Wil Painter lost his singles 21-18. Jack Scanlan and Rhys Mallows won their doubles 21-12. Sidarth Devalia and Jack Scanlan lost their doubles 21-19 and it was left to Wil Painter and Rhys Mallows to win 21-15 to go through to the final 3-2.

In the final, Cowbridge played last year's south Wales champions, The Cathedral School.

Sidarth Devalia lost his singles 21-16. Wil Painter lost his singles 21-17. Jack Scanlan and Rhys Mallows won their doubles 21-14. Wil Painter and Rhys Mallows won their doubles 21-18.

It was left to Sidarth Devalia and Jack Scanlan to win their game but they lost 21-20, finishing runners-up for this year.

It was a fantastic day of badminton at the National Sports Centre of Wales, Sophia Gardens.

GIRLS CROSS -COUNTRY

THE girls second cross-country league was run at Trelai Park on yet another wet day.

The girls were given a team talk before the race to try to improve their league position. The majority of girls were successful and were really pleased with their performances.

In the year-7 race, Alice Tucker came two places higher than last time in fifth place. Elinor Bishop ran her first race for Cowbridge and finished in an excellent eighth place.

Next home was Nadine James 23rd, Brooke Langton-Cryer 25th and Ela Emyr 26th. Rebecca Thomas came 35th, making up the first six for the team competition. The team came first overall, beating Cardiff High and Whitchurch.

Other finishers included Laurie Thomas (53rd), Evie Williams (72nd) and Hannah Lister-Sims (74th).

In the year-8 and 9 races, Annabel Curle (year-8) had an excellent race to finish sixth and Jordan Carpenter was eighth. Miriam Bennett came 21st, Rebecca John, 39th and Melissa Gooding 50th (all year-9 girls).

Niamh Gallagher (year-8) came 58th, Caitlin Allin (year-9) 60th, Sophie Thomas (year-8) 62nd, Ffion Hopkins (year-8) 74th and Emily Bonney (year-8) 78th.

The team position was third.

In the year 10-14, Fiona Bray (year-10) came sixth overall and second in year-10. Rachel Bradshaw achieved a higher place than last time in 17th, as did Katie Wynne (18th).

Sabrina Jones (year-12) had another good race, finishing in 24th, closely followed by Holly Preece (year-12) 35th, Georgia Kemeys (year-12) 43rd, Alyson Bater (year-12) 45th, Rosie Dent (year-11) 40th, Verity Morgan (year-11) 57th and Sophie Burrows (year-11) 65th.

The team position was second.

Well done to all competitors in the tough running conditions.

BOYS CROSS -COUNTRY

IN the Challenge Shield for year-7 against year-8 cross country race, held at the lower school, year-8 was successful in retaining the trophy.

Individual results were as follows: First, Joshua Thomas (year-8); second, Cameron Jones (year-8); third, Kristian Jones (year-7); fourth, Ellis Rosser (year-7); fifth, Tom Owen (year-8); sixth,Tom Lucas (year-7); seventh, Cai Allin (year-8); eighth, Huw Bennett (year-7); ninth, Liam Martin (year-8); 10th, Miles Jenkins (year-8).

Team scores were year-8 – 34 points, and year-7 – 48 points.

BOYS FOOTBALL

YEAR-7 entertained Y Pant School, Pontyclun, at the leisure centre pitch for a friendly in preparation for the Bluebirds Cup.

The first half saw some quality football played by the opposition to take a 4-0 lead at half-time.

A stern talking-to and some reorganisation of positions brought a much-improved performance in the second half which Cowbridge won 1-0 (goal scored by Kristian Jones). They now look forward to the first round of Bluebirds Cup with Fitzalan at the leisure centre ground.

Team: Oliver Pyke; Owen Alexandre; Ieuan Ridout; Max Ragan; Tom Day-Davies; Ellis Rosser; Joseph Treharne; Tom Lucas; Harvey Stockton (captain); Louis Phillips; Kristian Jones. Subs: Joe Davies; Daniel Oddy; Jack Hamilton.

HOCKEY

COWBRIDGE year-8 hockey team played St Cyres on a cold, wet, rainy day.

St Cyres had the first centre pass but Cowbridge snatched the ball off them, with Camille Wilson-Jenkins scoring the first goal of the match!

After about eight minutes, Camille came off and was substituted by Marcus Knevett. Cowbridge were defending very well and Izzy Eddy-Williams was tackling extremely well and passing the ball, and the team managed to score a goal by Kate Llewellyn.

Olivia Brown, Josie Chivers and Emma Atkins worked well together to defend their goal and there was a no-goal scored by St Cyres.

Half-time came with Cowbridge winning by 2-0!

Cowbridge had the first centre pass, taken by Hannah Woodward, who passed to Kate Llewellyn, to Marcus Knevett, then Izzy Williams, to Clare Davies and finally the goal was scored by Marcus Knevett!

St Cyres took the centre pass and Marcus Knevett took the ball and passed it to Hannah Woodward, then to Olivia Brown, back to Hannah Woodward, back to Olivia Brown and finally it was scored by Kate Llewellyn.

Full-time came and the final score was 4-0 to Cowbridge.

A great game, with Marcus Knevett named player of the match.

CYCLING

ON Sunday, September 27, Ruby Ellis (year-12) won the Welsh Cycling Hill Climb championship in the under-18 girls category at Llangynidr, near Crickhowell.

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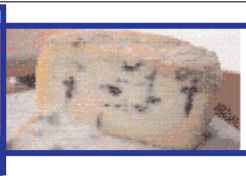

The experts line up for the Cowbridge festival foodies

AS usual, there is expert advice on offer over the festival weekend, from chefs and food writers who share a passion for good food.

First to appear, at 10.15am on Saturday morning (October 24) will be the River View Chinese Restaurant in Cowbridge.

The River View is a truly family affair – owned by brother and sister Wing and Lyn Chan, with their uncle Wai as head chef.

Since opening over two years ago, this buzzy restaurant has offered authentic delicious cuisine from across China.

Wai trained at one of China's top hotels, where he later became head chef before moving to the UK and supporting this family venture.

At 11.30am, Simon Majumdar, the author of *Eat My Globe,* will be recreating his Bengali grandmother's 'Life Saving Dahl' (LSD) while regaling the audience with tales from his popular book.

From Newport and Calcutta stock, Simon has returned to south Wales to tell amazing tales from his year-long quest to "go everywhere and eat everything".

A true culinary obsessive, Simon's pursuit of the perfect taste experience led him to eat mutton kebab rolls in Mumbai (delicious) and dog in China (not so good), but his family's own recipes can be created anywhere – so come and see how.

At 12.45pm, the founders of the Trealy Farm Charcuterie in Monmouthshire will be discussing making charcuterie in Wales, including meat-curing techniques and recipes.

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A Cowbridge-based chef takes the stand at 2pm, as Tim Marriott of the Market Place passes on some of his knowledge.

Cardiff-born, Tim returned to south Wales having worked in many of London's most illustrious restaurants, including Marco Pierre White's Titanic.

The Market Place is situated in one of the town's most historical buildings, where Tim combines seasonal and local produce to create contemporary British dishes.

The final expert on Saturday, at 3.15pm, is Massimo Bishop Scotti of Zucchero Pâtisserie, who was a great success at last year's festival.

Born in Capri, Massimo trained in advanced pâtisserie and confectionery in London and went on to work in some of the UK's best eateries, including The Aubergine for Gordon Ramsay.

He has worked with M&S to develop dessert recipes and now has his own award-winning pâtisserie business, as well as the Zucchero Pâtisserie School here in the Vale.

LIVE ON SUNDAY!

On Sunday, October 25, the first chef is from Cowbridge – John Cook of Oscars, who takes to the stage at 10.30am.

John will be cooking cheap and easy meals, ideal for those just leaving home for college and for novice cooks on a budget.

Born in Manchester, John moved to south Wales and trained at Bridgend College before working as sous chef at the Coed-Y-Mwstwr.

In 2001, he was a finalist in the Welsh Chef of the Year and John has been headcChef at Oscars since it opened in 2004.

At noon, the head chef of Loch Fyne, the restaurant that has brought the old Mulligans building back to life, steps forward to talk about seafood.

Gareth Howard, will be dipping in to create some of their specialities. These include crab cakes, crab bisque and magnificent oyster tempura.

At 1.30pm, there is another returning expert in Ray Newberry of UWIC.

Ray has been teaching the science and technology of confectionery at UWIC for 20 years and his chocolate workshop has been delivered on many occasions at festivals such as this.

The aim is to take a topic that people of all ages relate to and introduce the science and technology behind it. The workshop introduces school children to the discipline of food science and technology, and the jobs that are linked to this discipline.

An added incentive for those who attend the workshop is that they also get to taste some great chocolate.

The pleasures of learning about the grain and the grape

ONE of the most popular aspects of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival is the chance to enjoy talks on wines, spirits, beers and ciders – all the talks given by experts.

On Saturday, for instance, Colin Hingston of Tipsy Fruit Gins will be passing on his expertise at 1pm in the drinks marquee.

Based in Worcestershire, Colin is a regular exhibitor at Cowbridge and brings his knowledge on fruit wines and gins – from growing to picking to drinking.

The business started 11 years ago as they could not sell the farm's damsons. Now they are one of the only farms replanting damson trees, and have recently put their sloe gin into full production.

At 2.15pm, Richard Ballantyne of Ballantynes Wine Merchants in Cardiff returns to the festival to give another of his popular talks..

Ballantynes was started in Cowbridge in 1978, moving to Pontcanna in 2002, and specialises in finding wines which speak about where they come from. This year, Richard will give a talk on the Wines of New Zealand.

At 3.30pm, another aspect of enjoying fine wines and beers – the glass that you drink from – is covered by a guest appearance from specialists from one of the Vale's twin towns.

The glass blowing demonstration by workers from Rheinfelden in Germany should be fascinating, and there will also be a chance to view and purchase some of their wares.

The German glass blowers will be first on stage the following day, Sunday (at 10.30am until 1pm)

At 2pm, Tricia Hill of the Hendrewennol Fruit Garden will be giving a talk.

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At 3pm, there is a chance to learn more about cider, with Denis Gwatkin of Gwatkin Cider and Perry, Herefordshire.

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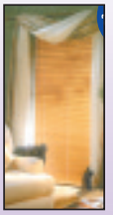

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Pixar's latest is an Up-lifting experience

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THERE is little to say about Pixar animation studios that hasn't been said before; since making their feature film debut with *Toy Story* in 1995, the 14 years since have seen the studio go from strength to strength, producing films that have had the critical acclaim to go with the box office clout.

They have also been slowly moving into a slightly more mature mindset when it comes to the films they make, aiming at the young audience that laps up the material but giving it a slightly more grown-up slant. Their latest movie, *Up*, furthers that process, telling the story of Carl Fredricksen.

Fredricksen (voiced by Ed Asner) is a 78-year-old whose dreams of visiting far-off places seem to become ever more distant by the day, but when he stumbles on a plan to fly his house to Paradise Falls using numerous helium balloons, he isn't counting on being accompanied by wilderness explorer Russell (voiced by Jordan Nagai); nor is he counting on what he finds once he gets there...

The continued success of Pixar is hardly likely to be curtailed by their latest outing; after all, it isn't as if they have done things vastly differently to what they have done before.

However, what they have done is craft a film that has enough comedic and adventure moments to keep the younger element of the audience entertained, while providing a heart and emotion that you just don't expect from an animation film.

While *Wall-E* was a master class in creating feelings for a robot, the protagonist of *Up* is all too familiar and real to the viewer.

Isolated, and with his dreams of adventure slowly disappearing, Carl Fredricksen is a character that resonates immediately.

As a truly heart-rending sequence shows, Carl and his wife see their ambitions take a backseat to the complexities and heartbreak of real life, leaving us with the older Carl, curmudgeonly and wishing to be left alone.

It is a sequence that is the best example yet of how animation can truly tug at the emotions, and is perhaps Pixar's most grown up and moving sequence to date.

Scriptwriters Bob Peterson and Pete Docter are well versed in the ways of Pixar, and deliver a screenplay that has all the elements we've come to expect from them, shot through with a slightly more mature attitude that offers depth and shade.

The family and personal issues that are often hidden below the sharp animation and bright colours, poke out slightly more prominently this time round and gives the film a far more satisfying feel.

Certainly, the film's climax is present and correct to give more spectacle, but it doesn't detract from the film's older sensibilities, just about striking the fine balance.

Peterson and Docter also directed the film, and with the latter being responsible for *Monsters Inc*, the film, unsurprisingly, looks gorgeous.

As ever, the improvement in CGI animation afford the pair more scope, with the human characters (always a sore point in the world of animation) feeling hyper-real but utterly lifelike.

It is also the first Pixar movie to be shown in 3D, and both Peterson and Docter deserve credit for not resorting to gimmicky direction when using it.

The 3D here is less about having things pop out of the screen at you (a technique that is already becoming boring, even in this new age of 3D) and more about making the film far more vivid and compelling.

Such is the restrained use of it, you will barely even notice the extra dimension, but it gives a gorgeous deep quality to the film.

With the usual top-notch voice cast assembled, the performances are lent real personality. Ed Asner is wonderfully sour as Carl, a dreamer whose dreams seem to have flown on without him.

Asner's deadpan vocals bring the character superbly to life, while Jordan Nagai gives the character of Russell a wide-eyed innocence and youthful exuberance that proves to be a perfect counterpoint to Asner's more wizened vocal performance.

If the film does make any wrong moves, it can only be in the talking dogs and villain they meet on their journey; more fantastical than the rest of the film, it doesn't throw the film off kilter but does make it feel a touch more child-friendly than it needs to be.

However, when you have a film as hugely captivating and resonant as *Up*, it is a small bugbear indeed in what is truly a wonderful piece of work.

VERDICT – Another home run for Pixar, *Up* is a beautifully realised, stunningly rendered film with a heart wrenching story that shows just how mature animation can be.

Probably Pixar's most adult work to date (talking dogs aside), *Up* is an excellent film that will appeal to both young and old. *Highly recommended.*

Tutors tackle half marathon

FIVE construction tutors from Barry College are to run the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff.

Taking part in the 13-mile run around Cardiff City Centre on October 18, are brickwork lecturers Anthony Parry and Darren Hill; wood trades lecturer Anthony Crothers and part-time lecturers Andrew Brown and Steve Young.

Anthony Parry said: "Darren Hill, who is a bit of a fitness fanatic, brought the Half Marathon to the attention of the staff at Dumballs Road. He cajoled eight of us into doing it, but we're now down to five for reasons of age and torn cartilages!"

The team will be raising funds for Velindre, a facility which means a lot to Anthony as he was treated there: "I was diagnosed with cancer in 2002 and Velindre was the hospital I was treated in," he explained.

"It's been an ambition of mine to run a full marathon to raise money for the hospital to thank them for my treatment, and I will start off with the Half Marathon."

All five have been training hard for the event. "We've all found that we have got quite a few ailments," Anthony laughed.

"But we can run about ten miles and they say once you can run ten miles you should be okay for the 13!"

'Thank you for prize'

MANY thanks for the tickets I won in your recent Creative Stitches show at Cardiff CIA competition.

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Welsh duo open Sunday concert

WELSH violinist Sara Trickey (*pictured right*) and pianist Iwan Llewellyn-Jones will open this year's series of coffee concerts on Sunday, October 18, at 11.30am, in the Reardon Smith Theatre at Cardiff's National Museum of Wales with music by Debussy, Elgar and William Mathias.

This will be the eighth season of Sunday morning coffee concerts, given by CwpanAur, in association with the National Museum of Wales.

Swansea-born cellist Thomas Carroll will give the next concert in the series on Sunday, November 15.

National Trust members meet

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members met at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, and enjoyed an interesting talk on the 18th century National Trust house and walled gardens at Llanerchaeron.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, at 7.30pm, in the Duke of Wellington, when the speaker, Dr Peter Jones, will talk about 'The Polar Hero from St Fagans'.

Membership of the association is open to any interested person who is either a paid-up member of the National Trust or National Trust for Scotland, or the spouse/partner of a life member, or who is a National Trust staff member.

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Out and About with The GEM

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WHAT'S ON - in brief

Scout sale

A SECOND-HAND books and bric-a-brac sale will be held on Saturday, October 24, between 10.30am-3.30pm, at the Scout Hall, behind the sheep-market, Cowbridge

Photo exhibition

ART CENTRAL in Barry is staging a print exhibition by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, presented by the Welsh Photographic Federation.

It consists of 150 monochrome and colour photographs, representing the best of british club photography.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of the Vale Council, Coun Emlyn Williams.

It is open from Tuesday to Saturday, at 10am-4pm, at Art Central, King Square, Barry, until Saturday, October 31.

Craft fair

THERE will be a craft fair and market on October 17, at 10am-4pm, in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

For more information contact Brian on 01446 722351

Penarth coffee

A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, October 17, at 10.30am-12noon. Admission 50p. All proceeds to charity.

Charity show

BARRY Lions Club will present a charity concert with Cantorion Creigiau, at the Old School, Sully – a musical extravaganza including 'show-stoppers' on Saturday, October 17, at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50.

Divine service

A DIVINE service with Joyce Welsh will be held at Barry Spiritualist Church at Buttrills Road, at 6pm, on Sunday, October 18.

Bingo session

THE Rhoose and District Community Association is holding a bingo session at the community hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, on Saturday, October 24, at 2pm-4pm. Entrance is 60p and refreshments are provided.

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Pony club holds its futuristic trials in the sunshine

FOR the third year running, Glamorgan Pony Club ran its popular futuristic hunter trials at Spring Meadows in Llandow, by permission of the Edwards family.

Another sunny day helped boost our entries and added to an enjoyable day. The course was quite tough, with only 12 clear rounds all day, but each class was hotly contested.

The results were as follows: **Novice Pairs** – 1st, Bethany Jarvis and Adam Dix on *Toby* and *Star*; 2nd, Adam and Ellie Dix on *Lucy* and *Moss*; 3rd, Debbie Holloway and Tom Stereo on *Alfie* and *Murphy*; 4th, Helen Bolton and Mo Evans on *Buster* and *Toby*; 5th, Adie and Jenna Rees on *Captain* and *William*; 6th, Amelia James and Laura Dempster on *Rhys* and *D*.

Junior Novice – 1st, Adam Dix on *Lucy*; 2nd, Adam Dix on *Star*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Rusty*; 4th, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 5th, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*; 6th, Genevieve Kirk on *Moonie*.

Open Novice – 1st, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*; 2nd, Sean Way on *Tiff*; 3rd, Lydia Shepherd on *Goldie*; 4th, Emma Lockwood on *Topaz*; 5th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*; 6th, Ellie on *Bonnie*.

Open Pairs – 1st, Ellie Dix and Bethany Jarvis on *Moss* and *Toby*; 2nd, Becky Thomas and Alice Tudor on *Cassie* and *Gypsy*; 3rd, Rachel Corbett and Julie Tipples on *Fred* and *Jake*; 4th, Jessica Tidley and Bethan Allman on *Bartley* and *Figaro*; 5th, Sean Way and Alice Pembridge on *Tiff* and *Mattie*; 6th, Hannah Chappel and Sarah Jones on *Sonny Jim* and *Shally*.

Open Intermediate – 1st, Alice Pembridge on *Flash*; 2nd, Lucy Williams on *Red*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 4th, Sophia Summerill on *Manuel*; 5th, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 6th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*.

Open – 1st, Bethan Allman on *Figaro*; 2nd, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 3rd, Megan Allman on *Ollie*; 4th, Julie Tarney on *Branston*; 5th, Lisa Lindsey on *Tango*; 6th, Lisa Lindsey on *Lennie*.

We would like to make a huge thank you for all those competitors and their friends who turned out to support us, everyone who helped on the day with judging, commentating, cooking food, starting the competitors off, taking entries, or just putting the fences back up.

Our main sponsors of the day were Herbert R Thomas, with the Farmers' Union of Wales, ELM Driving Academy and Countrywide also providing generous support.

A huge number of parents, family and friends sponsored fences for the day, which is greatly appreciated. The day would not have been the success that it was without you.

Anyone interested in joining Glamorgan Pony Club should contact Norma on 01446 734687, or just come along to our training nights at Spring Meadows every Wednesday night between 6pm-9pm.

JULIA JARVIS

We welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: *ggem@internet-today.co.uk*

Tim triumphs in Tenby golf

THE annual 54-hole individual stableford competition for The David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy, organised by The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, was held recently with two rounds at Tenby Golf Club – which claims to be the oldest affiliated golf club in Wales – and one round at nearby Trefloyne.

After the first round at Tenby, Tim Jarvis, now enjoying life delivering first class mail rather than first class lambs and calves, had stormed into a nine-point lead – thanks to an incredible 26 points on the front nine.

A further 16 points on the back nine gave Tim a nine-point lead over second place Bryan Owen, who finished with 33 points, and Trevor Wooding with 32 points. Keith Davies and Godfrey Lewis who scored 30 points, were not far behind.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Bryan Owen, Geraint Davies and Tim Jarvis, while Kevin Latham won the longest drive prize.

The second day's competition, at nearby Trefloyne was won by Aubrey Bowen with 31 points, one more than second-placed Keith Davies and two more than Geraint Davies and Tim Jarvis.

Nearest the pin were Godfrey Lewis, Tony McCarthy, Aubrey Bowen and Clive Edwards, with Coun Ray Thomas hitting the longest drive on the selected hole.

The final round, back on the challenging Tenby course, paired Godfrey Lewis and overall leader Tim Jarvis.

A gallant 38 points from Godfrey to win the final day's competition ahead of second-placed Trevor Wooding who scored 36 points, reduced the deficit to nine points, and Tim's final score of 102 points over the three days was very commendable.

Nearest the pin on the final day were Clive Edwards, Geraint Davies and Keith Walker.

Tim Jarvis won the longest drive prize to add that to his collection.

Unfortunately, a few seasoned tourists failed to trouble the leaderboard, many attributing their loss of form on the accommodation.

Spending two nights in the centre of Tenby for a group of intrepid golfers was probably not the best way to prepare for such an important tournament.

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Huge victory in the cup as...

HUSKIES CRUSH THE WARRIORS

BARRY Huskies' season started with first-leg cup matches involving the First and Second teams.

First up, the Huskies Firsts faced Division Two newcomers the Cardiff Warriors West, a new team coached by American Chris Harper.

The Huskies knew nothing of this side prior to the game, but were expecting a tough game against a young, well-organised and disciplined Warriors side – something that Harper has always instilled in his teams.

However, the Huskies came out on fire – scoring at will against a very inexperienced side and playing smothering defence which limited the Warriors to 10 first-quarter points.

The Huskies scored 36 points in this period, Elliott Thomas and the unstoppable Lloyd Roberts combining for 26 points between them.

This set the tone for the rest of the game. The second quarter saw Jack Dyer score 20 points and the Huskies limit the Warriors to just seven. The half ended 81-17 to the Huskies.

During the half-time break, coach Coles stressed the importance of keeping the pressure on and started experimenting with different defensive formations. The team duly obliged, and went on to win 153-37, a huge victory which almost certainly guarantees them progress into round two.

Afterwards, coach Coles said: "The boys were fantastic today, four of them scored more than 25 points and they looked a class apart.

Next up was the Huskies Second team against Division One Cymmer Wizards. This had the makings of an upset as the young Huskies side have started gelling in recent weeks, and the Wizards lost a key player during the summer.

The first quarter was a tight affair, with both teams trading baskets – Lloyd Davies and James French held the Huskies together offensively, combining for 13 of the team's 20 points, but poor defence kept the Wizards neck and neck, with the quarter ending even.

The second quarter was a scrappy affair with both sides making basic errors, resulting in a half-time score of 34-30 in the Wizards favour.

The third quarter saw the Wizards come out firing – they upped their defence and closed down Davies and started frustrating the Huskies younger, inexperienced players.

This led to a drop in intensity on the defensive end, and a 62-49 scoreline to the Wizards going into the fourth quarter.

James French started scoring again for the Huskies at the beginning of the fourth, and slowly the gap started closing, getting as close as eight points. However, the Wizards' older heads saw them home 77-68.

Afterwards, coach Cooper said: "I was pleased with parts of our game, especially French's scoring. Our defence needs a lot of work and a few of our younger players lost their heads when things didn't go their way.

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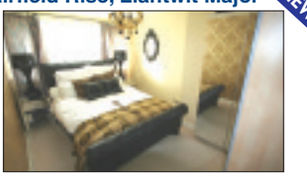

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The family extend their thanks to all the friends who attended the service but are sorry not to have met more of them afterwards over refreshments at West House Country Hotel.

Our thanks go to all the staff of Ward 16 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, who cared for Ted over the past few years.

We would also like to thank W James & Son Funeral Directors of Fonmon for all their assistance.

Stephen BRUTEN

Eileen & Brian would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many cards, flowers and support recieved at this sad time. Special thanks to Daphne and W James & Sons of Fonmon.

JAMES Constance Elizabeth

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MEPHAM Alan

The family would like to express our grateful thanks to everyone who attended our dear Alan's funeral and for the many cards received and the memorial donations.

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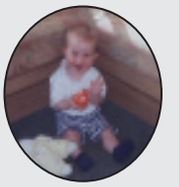

Helen Llewelyn

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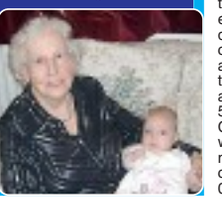

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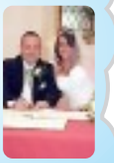

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COWBRIDGE JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND-UP

Tough game in poor conditions for under-12s

IT WAS tough game in dreadfully wet conditions at Llandaff for the under-12s.

The Llandaff team had grown quite a bit since the last match and both their forwards and backs were very strong both in attack and defence.

The Cowbridge forwards fronted up well and won significant amounts of ball to provide to our backs, who attacked doggedly on a very slippery surface.

Tackling was paramount during the match and Tom Lucas, Matt Harper and Hywel Williams performed heroically at times to hold up the Llandaff offence.

A number of good forward bursts during the match by Fraser McGann, Tom Evans, Jac Davies and George Thomas kept the Llandaff forwards working hard, with Ben Jones and Josh Brace scrambling all the time to collect any loose ball.

Tom Trotman ran hard as usual during the game, despite being very heavily man-marked and scored two tries to provide a final scoreline of 10-5 to Cowbridge.

This was a strong squad effort with valuable contributions from Owain Thomas Jenkins, Rian Thomas, Cai Thomas Jenkins, Tom Whitehouse, Richard Hughes, Dylan Morgan, Harvey Stockwell, Gabriel Newham, Miles Davies, Liam Sloan, Rob David and Dominic.

Under-11s

COWBRIDGE under-11s continued their excellent early-season form with a convincing victory over Llandaff.

Although the home side opened the scoring with a well-taken try, Cowbridge soon equalised when Cai Evans beat a number of defenders to score from within his own half.

Within minutes, Dan Bunney evaded four tacklers to score and increase the lead. Both tries were converted by Cai Evans. Scrum-half Osian John, in outstanding form throughout, provided the Cowbridge backs with quick ball and set up Harrison Stevens with the pass for the visitors' third try.

On the stroke of half-time, Matthew Keating forced his way over the line to take Cowbridge into a 26-5 lead.

The second half saw Cai Evans cross for his second try, which he again converted.

Llandaff fought back with a try, but the Cowbridge forwards then took control, with Harry Hopkins, Tomos Evans-Williams and Josh Evans providing a platform for the final try, scored by Duncan Ace.

Under-10s

THE under-10s travelled to Cardiff to take on Llandaff, where the game got underway in dreadful conditions, with Cowbridge kicking deep in to the opposition half.

This would be where the majority of the half would be played, as the visitors dominated both possession and territory. The forwards were recycling good ball and the Cowbridge half backs, Ioan Lewis and Rhys Bradshaw, were dictating the pace of the game.

Jac Roberts opened the scoring with a tremendous burst up the blind side. This was followed by further tries from Cameron Roy and Evan Williams (two). Llandaff crossed for a try just before the whistle for a half time score of Llandaff 7 Cowbridge 28. The second-half followed a similar pattern and Elliot Bancroft and Max Lucas both crossed the white wash for a final score of **Llandaff 7 Cowbridge 42**.

The second game saw nine changes to the Cowbridge line-up, but with no change in intensity of performance. This would prove to be more of a forward battle with both sets of players full committed to the challenge.

The Cowbridge forwards were proving to be stronger in the loose, with William Rees Davies prominent and this was evident on the scoreboard.

With two tries each for Dan Taylor and Dan Marshall, to two from Llandaff, the half-time whistle blew at Llandaff 14 Cowbridge 28.

The second half saw no drop in the intensity, and with further scores from Tom Jose and James Guard, the Cowbridge boys secured the victory.

Full time: Llandaff 21 Cowbridge 40.

Full squad: Angus James, Cameron Roy, Dan Marshall, Dan Taylor, Elliot Bancroft, Ellis Bird, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, James Guard, James Morris, Luc Beattie, Max Lucas, Patrick Sheppard, Rhys Bradshaw, Sam Corkill, Tom Jose, William Rees Davies.

Under-9s

COWBRIDGE under-9s were on their travels again, where they were the visitors at Llandaff on a very wet Sunday morning.

With a near full squad turning out, Cowbridge took control from the start, pinning Llandaff into their own half with some strong tackling and rucking, eventually turning the ball over to go over for a try in the the first two minutes.

The team kept up the pressure on their opponents, forcing them into errors which Cowbridge capitalised on time and time again, crossing for three more tries.

The second half started as the first, with some lovely running rugby as the boys started to put the ball through several sets of hands before crossing the line for a further two tries.

Fair play to the Llandaff team, they never gave up, scoring two fine tries of their own. As the rain continued to fall, Cowbridge finished the stronger, with a further two tries to give them a well earned victory of 8-2.

Scorers: Iestyn Fenn, Ioan Williams, Barney, Bart Norton, Ben Jones, Harry Edwards and Jack Dixon.

Under-8s

LLANDAFF and Cowbridge under-8s had a good turnout of boys to play on Sunday – the coaches agreed to play three matches.

Cowbridge were slow to start in the first game and quickly found themselves behind as poor tagging let Llandaff gain ground, which they used to good effect.

The first match was lost but the second and third games were a revelation, with the team playing some of its best rugby of the season to date. Great support play ensured a hatful of tries which Llandaff were unable to respond to.

Full squad; Rory James, Tomos apjohn-Williams, Miles Thomas, Edward Thomas, Jamie Howells, Jamie Owen, Angus Henderson, Oliver Bluck, Jack Tudor, Julian Sinfield, Theo Bancroft, Jacob Williams, Rhodri Vickers, Josh John, Max Colqhoun.

Under-7s

THIS was the first match for the under-7 age group, and 10 boys turned up to play in very wet conditions.

Llandaff had a large number of boys who wanted to play which meant that we were able to play three matches.

The first game was a nervous start for the boys, who were not used to match conditions. Their enthusiasm kept them in the hunt, but it was Llandaff who ran out as winners.

Undeterred by the rain and the result, the team pressed on and started to put together some good passes and tagging, and narrowly missed out on winning the second game, but scored some good tries along the way.

A big effort in the last game ensured that Cowbridge got the winning result their endeavours deserved.

Full squad; Owen Godsall, David Harris, Robbie Hawkins, Oliver Jarmin, Aled Leach, Dewi Williams, Harry Holtham, Harri Hawkins, Charlie Lock, Tom Johnson, Sam Coates.

Under-age drinkers targeted

NEIGHBOURHOOD Police Officers in Bridgend have been clamping down on under age drinkers in the town.

As part of a continuing effort to combat anti-social behaviour, particularly in the Newbridge Fields area, officers have stepped up their patrols and have seized large quantities of alcohol.

Sergeant Mark Watkins said: "Underage drinking will not be tolerated in Bridgend, confiscations will be made and anyone responsible will receive an anti social behaviour referral.

"They may also be arrested for being drunk and incapable. We will continue to police the area in and around Newbridge Fields aggressively and I would appeal to parents to be responsible in ensuring their children are not involved in this anti social activity."

ABOVE: PCSOs Robin Newman, Richard Matthews, Lisa Moore and Dean Davies with some of the alcohol recently seized by officers at Newbridge Fields.

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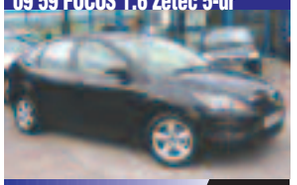

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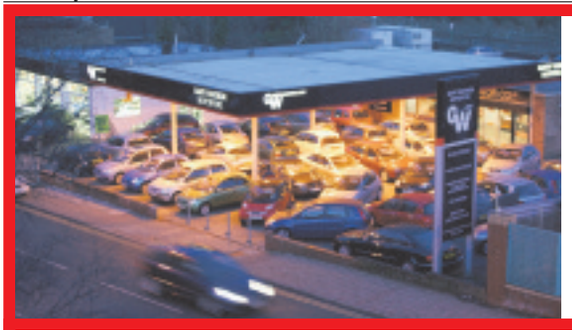

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In the Friday night audience was Vale AM Jane Hutt, and the following night's performance was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge.

They witnessed a feast of music from the world of *Show Boat* and 'Gilbert & Sullivan at Sea' with narration by Chris Pinchbeck.

The musical director Ryan Wood is well known in the world of music, his respect for the repertoire and his guidance were evident from the performance.

There was a splendid array of soloists: Sally Kingsbury, Tony Kingsbury, Beryl Vaughan, Chris Harrison, Kay Mead, Rob Reynolds, Cliff Blaney, John Manley and Terry Dunsworth, each bringing their talents to the fore and entertaining a capacity audience.

It was refreshing to see so many new faces. It seems that CAOS is in good health and good hands.

The accompanist was Carole Lloyd, assisted by Brenda Manley

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Bryn's winner

COWBRIDGE trainer Bryn Palling landed the principal race – the Jenny Allen Birthday Handicap – at Goodwood on Sunday with Annabelle Mason's *Arthur's Edge*.

Ridden by leading apprentice jockey David Probert, bottom-weighted *Arthur's Edge*, a 11-1 chance, scored by half-a-length from *Son Of The Cat*.

Probert, 20, who tied with William Buick for the apprentice jockeys' championship last season, has high hopes of winning the title outright this time.

Based at Andrew Balding's Kingsclere yard, he's already ridden more than 100 winners and has a bright future ahead of him.

BRIAN LEE

Local owner's Chepstow winner

***DANTARI*, a four-year-old bay colt, owned by Bonvilston's Ian Brice, and trained by Evan Williams, was a 16-1 winner of the Freebets.co.uk Corporate Partner Day Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow last Saturday.**

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Dantari* held on to win by a head from *Clyff Hanger* to whom Dantari was conceding 14lbs.

Williams is hoping he can work the oracle on Mr Paul Green's eight-year-old *Silverburn*, a grade one winner, who has come to him from top trainer Paul Nicholls's yard.

Silverburn, a full brother to Cheltenham Gold Cup hero *Denman*, ran very disappointedly last season and Williams said: "I might do something a bit different with him. I might start him over hurdles, only because we have to look outside his box to rekindle him to where he was at his peak.

"He's a fresh horse and a happy one. His form is in the book and he obviously has lost his way, but I suppose we have an enviable record with horses of his calibre and hopefully we can get him fit again."

If anyone can, then it is surely Williams, who last season saddled 72 winners, putting him in 12th place in the top trainers' list.

Top of the list again was Paul Nicholls, who won 155 races.

The Snail is no slouch

ONE of the horses that caught my eye on a recent visit to Evan Williams's Llancarfan yard was a six-year-old bay gelding called *The Snail*.

A notice on his box read that he was 'For Sale' and I thought to myself that if I could afford to own a racehorse, then this would be the one for me.

I have never considered myself a good judge of horse flesh, as they say, but I was delighted to see that *The Snail* made the news last week by winning two races within 24 hours of each other.

At Exeter on Wednesday, ridden by Donal 'Duck' Fahy, he easily landed the Bathwick Tyres Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle, beating *Little Firecracker* and on Thursday, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, romped home again at Wincanton in the Kingwell Handicap Hurdle beating *Prince Noora*.

And guess what? The runner-up in both these races were trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan. It certainly seems that these Vale trainers are going head to head!

However, Tim also had plenty to smile about. His *Hayes Princess*, under Richard Johnson, came in at odds of 4-1 at Towcester on Wednesday, and on Thursday at Wincanton, he saddled *Doctor Robert*, again ridden by Richard Johnson, to land the Racing UK Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Welsh lady point-to-point champion rider, Isabel Tompsett, riding Dai Burchell's *Thehonorablelady*, won the Ladbrokes Mares Handicap Hurdle at Worcester on Wednesday for Welsh trainer Dai Burchell.

Evergreen Dai made it a double by winning the following race, the Ladbrokes Selling Handicap Hurdle, with *Watch Out* ridden by Danny Cook.

One man who does have a good eye for spotting future winners is Gilfach Goch's Viv Hughes. A former successful point-to-point rider, Viv is looking for new owners for the coming point-to-point and hunter 'chase season.

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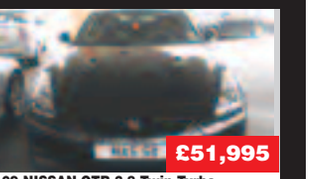
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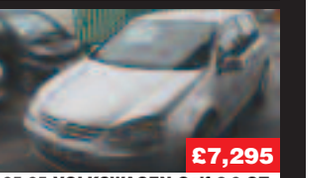
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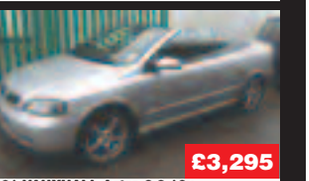
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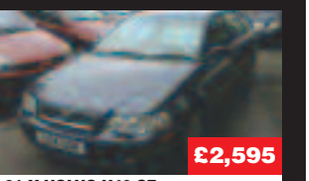
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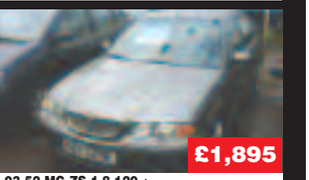
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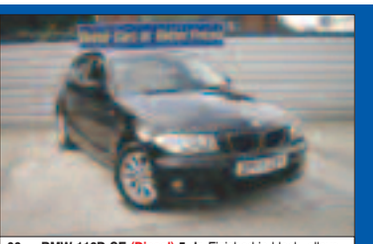

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GEM sport

Cowbridge school rugby First XV are looking good!

ABOVE:
The Cowbridge Comprehensive School senior rugby First XV are pictured wearing new Canterbury Elite kit, sponsored by Binary Financial.

INSUFFICIENT FORWARDS COVER ENDS RUN BEFORE IT EVEN BEGINS

'Bitter disappointment' as Cowbridge RFC have to pull out of Cup

COWBRIDGE 1st XV's run in the Cup this year ended in the clubhouse since there was insufficient cover in the front row for the starting line-up and necessary subs.

This was due to injury and unavailability, but was bitterly disappointing and resulted in the tie being conceded to Old Illtydians.

The 2nd XV, minus a player or two, set off for Llandaff Fields to take on a strong Clwb Rygbi and lost in a high-scoring game – unfortunately, the scoring was done by the opposition.

Clwb Rygbi scored six tries to a lone drop goal from Cowbridge captain Guy Young. Cowbridge more than matched Clwb Rygbi up front with some excellent rucking and mauling but Clwb Rygbi were too strong behind.

Cowbridge were in their opponents five-metre area four or five times but couldn't convert pressure into points.

Cowbridge gave debuts to two very promising players in Leigh Humphrey, who played at scrum-half, and Gareth Ward, who started at No 8. Unfortunately, Guy Young injured himself and is unlikely to be available this week, step up Chris Lawless who anchored the scrum and is up for a further challenge this week.

The highlight of the day was the win for the Youth against a strong Llandaff North team by 3-0. This may not sound very exciting, but it was a battle all the way with Cowbridge coming out on top, thanks to an excellent Matt Rowlands penalty.

The foundation for the win was the forward effort in which brothers David and Matthew Popham exerted terrific pressure in the scrums. Andrew Price behind showed some real quality.

Thanks to Dai Thomas who stepped into the breech to referee when the allocated referee failed to show. The boys are away at Sully this weekend.

This Saturday, the 1st and 2nd XVs are at home in tough encounters. The Firsts take on Senghennydd while the Seconds challenge Llanishen 3rds. All available players to contact the club please.

Why not come down to support and enjoy a beer afterwards. We hope to see you there. Kick-offs at 2.30pm.

RV/RK

Two wins out of three for Cowbridge squash teams

FOLLOWING the clean sweep of week one when all three Cowbridge squash rackets teams won, there were harder fought encounters in week two.

The A and B teams managed victories respectively but the C team came down to earth with a thumping!

The Bar 44-sponsored Cowbridge A side continued in their winning ways with a 4-1 home result against seasoned campaigners Cardiff Veterans.

Young blood James Page paved the way with a 3-0 result against wily and well-travelled Danny Coles at no 5 string.

Garfield Leask inflicted a 3-0 result at No 3 against Nick Johns. Jon Bisson proved too sprightly for Alan James at No 2 and ran out a 3-1 winner.

Niall Sloan did not quite have enough petrol in the tank to overcome a rather youthful veteran in Noel McConkey, eventually going down 2-3.

Nick Guard, at No 1, has always prided himself on being a 'low mileage' squash player with few practice games between team matches, but found enough stamina to eventually see off Dave Driscoll (a former club-mate and team-mate at Lakeside and Cardiff)

Final score 19-6.

Cowbridge B (also with their Bar 44 support) had a couple of changes in personnel for their week two visit to St Mellons D – with varying degrees of success.

Colin Baxter and Russ Watts replaced the holidaying Chris Ranger and the always working Julian Jenkins! Colin managed a 3-2 success but Russ went down 0-3.

Steve Morris turned in the performance of the night against a young hard-hitting opponent – after being 2-7 down in the first game – to take the next 16 points (serving through in game two) to set up a 3-0 win.

Paul Reynish sealed his second win of the season 3-1 at No 2, while the ever-improving Simon Payne ran out comfortable 3-0 winner just proving too tight for the St Mellons No 1, Lawrence Barry.

Match score 16-7 to the Bs.

The C team had one change in personnel at No 4 with Phil Matthews coming in for Nick Groves.

Unfortunately, only No 5 Mike Burnett managed to put some points on the board but eventually going down 2-3.

Colin Giles, Dave Matthews and father Phil, plus Tony Steele, all found David Lloyds B to be a particularly difficult venue – all taking a 0-3 reverse – match score 2-19.

Week two fixtures see the A team on their travels for the first time this campaign – some distance to Monmouth.

The B team entertain for the first time and welcome Fairwater A to the Athletic Ground Courts on Thursday at 7pm.

The C team face another tough task at home to Division 2 leaders Rhiwbina D at 7pm on Wednesday.

RW

Mixed fortunes for Wick team at Pandy Park

ABOVE: The Wick Millers, who emerged victorious in their opening game.

WICK Millers, captained by John Burnell, played their first game of the season against Tondu Thirds.

John's father, Ben, was also a playing stalwart of Wick during the 1970s and 1980s. John's brothers also turned out for this fixture.

The game was an entertaining and closely fought-affair with the visitors just gaining the upper hand. In reply to Tondu's three tries and a conversion, the Wick tries came from Joey Roderick, Lyn Brennan and Keiron David with a conversion from Stuart Rich. However the top performance of the day came from vice-captain Kenny Thomas who not only scored a fine try but also kicked two difficult conversions to preserve a remarkable record of a 100 per cent success rate in his career.

A total of 24 players made themselves available to ensure that further fixtures in the season are assured. Final score 17-26.

Wick First team, heavily hit by injuries, played against Tondu Seconds and, despite tries from Stuart Allan and Mike Sims, with two penalties from Dan Powell, lost the match 16-24.

Next Saturday sees a return to league action away against Nantymoel in the Ogmore Valley.

Penmark recruiting new year-8 players

PENMARK United under-13s (year-8) football team is looking to recruit new players.

"We compete in the Vale of Glamorgan Football League and play our home games at St Athan," said Andy Matthews, the manager.

"Training sessions are held at Barry Sports Centre. Please contact me on 07710 247631 if you are interested."

Rob is singing for Wales!

ROB ALLEN will lead the singing of the Welsh National Anthem and perform his song 'Made in Wales' at the Rugby League International on October 17 (kick-off 6.15pm) between Wales and England at the Brewery Field, Bridgend – Iestyn Harris's first game in charge of Wales – then at the Rugby League Euro Championship games on the November 1, at Sardis Road, Pontypridd when Wales play Ireland (kick-off 5.15pm) and on finals day, November 8, at the Brewery Field.

Rob will be accompanied by the Abercynon Male Voice Choir. All the games are live on Sky TV.

Rugby League twins back for international

THERE is always a strong rugby rivalry between the comprehensive schools of Cowbridge and Bridgend, but year-11 pupils in Cowbridge will probably be wishing two old rivals well this weekend.

Two former Brynteg Comprehensive pupils are back this week from Warrington for this Saturday's Gillette Fusion International against England at the Brewery Field (kick-off 6.15pm).

Ben and Rhys Evans impressed so much in the 2005 Carnegie Champions Schools year-7 final at the Millennium Stadium that they were automatically given junior contracts with the Warrington Wolves.

Now, their careers have progressed at such a pace that they are on the fringe of the Welsh senior side.

Ben knows that it will be difficult to get into the senior side for the England game this Saturday at the Brewery Field, but is hoping to break into the squad for the away match against Serbia on Sunday, October 25, in Wales' first match of this season's rugbyleague.com European Cup.

His brother Rhys said; "He said: "The move was really good for us. "We settled into our new school and got on well with all the lads."

The boys have no regrets about 'going north' but think it was a shame that Celtic Crusaders weren't around when they were starting off their rugby league careers.